

Austin student honored in New York

'The Quilt' is winner of Chickasaw Creative Writing Contest

When Ashley Vance was prompted to describe a woman who shaped her life, she didn't have to look very far. She chose her mother.

"My mom has always been an important figure in my life," Ashley said. "She's my best friend."

Miss Vance, a Chickasaw, is a junior at Regents School in Austin, Texas. She entered her essay, "The Quilt," in the Chickasaw Nation Creative Writing Contest that was conducted in conjunction the DVD release of "Pearl," the tribe's first feature film. The contest encouraged students to honor the women who had been their role models, just as Chickasaw aviatrix Pearl Carter Scott was a role model to so many.

Miss Vance's essay uses a

quilt as a metaphor for how a mother helps her child grow.

"I wanted to make it more creative and abstract," she said. "I didn't want it to apply just to my own relationship with my mother, but to other mother/child relationships as well."

Miss Vance's mother Tommie Vance was understandably touched by the essay, but not only by her daughter's words.

"For her to have such insight into the relationship between a mother and child at such a young age made me feel incredibly blessed, she said.

"I thanked God the entire time I was reading it."

As the winner of the Chickasaw Nation Creative Writing Contest, Miss Vance and her mother received an all-expenses paid trip to New York

to attend the premier of "Pearl" during the Global Voices in Film Projects at the United Nations.

Miss Vance was in class when her mother called to notify her her essay had been chosen.

"I was so excited when I found out," she said. "I really didn't think I'd win."

Mrs. Vance described their trip to New York as an "awesome mother/daughter experience."

Visiting the Museum of Modern Art and seeing paintings by her favorite artist, Frida Kahlo, was a highlight for Miss Vance.

"We went right at closing time," she said, "but I was still able to see Frida's paintings."

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Chickasaw student Ashley Vance receives the plaque from Gov. Bill Anoatubby denoting her winning entry in the Chickasaw Nation Creative Writing Contest. Miss Vance won the competition with her essay "The Quilt." Miss Vance and her mother traveled to New York to attend the United Nations screening of "Pearl."

Mrs. Tate to be inducted into Oklahoma Historians Hall of Fame



Juanita Keel Tate

Chickasaw elder, artist and

author Juanita Keel Tate has been selected for induction into the Oklahoma Historians Hall of Fame.

The Awards Committee of the Oklahoma Historical Society has selected Mrs. Tate as one of four individuals to be inducted into the Oklahoma Historians Hall of Fame.

Along with Mrs. Tate, of Ardmore, inductees will include Jim Argo, of Edmond; Sandie Olson, of Waynoka; and Al

Turner, of Noble.

Born in Ardmore in 1910, Mrs. Tate is a revered Chickasaw elder who has devoted a lifetime to the preservation of Chickasaw and family history. As a child she became a custodian of family memorabilia. As an adult, she has used her skills as an artist to paint portraits of leading Chickasaw and Choctaw men and women

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'New Heights, New Horizons' theme of Dynamic Women's Conference

ADA, Okla. - "New Heights, New Horizons" is the theme for the 2011 Dynamic Women's Conference and Forum, set for Thursday, April 21 at the Chickasaw Community Center in Ada.

This year's conference will feature an aviation theme in honor of the late Chickasaw pilot Pearl Carter



"Ihoo Kanihka Chokma", a pastel drawing by Chickasaw student Mercedes Milligan was selected as the logo for the 2011 Dynamic Women of the Chickasaw Nation Conference and Forum.

Scott. The all-day conference will feature sessions encouraging participants to seek new heights and horizons in wellness, strong relationships and productive living.

Conference Agenda

9 a.m. Registration

9:30 a.m. Finding Your

New Heights

and Horizons

Conference and Forum.

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"It was just amazing." Living in Austin, Miss Vance said including her Chickasaw heritage in her writing was very important.

"Austin doesn't have very much of a Chickasaw community," she said, "so I do my best to recognize it every chance I get."

In addition to writing, Miss

Vance also enjoys drama, sculpting and painting.

Following her high school graduation she plans to pursue a degree in writing.

"Expressing myself by writing comes feels so natural, she said.

"I can't imagine not doing it."

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Gov. Bill Anoatubby talks with C.J. Pederson during a visit to the National Museum of the American Indian in New York. Gov. Anoatubby signed Mr. Pederson's Chickasaw citizenship papers during the visit. Mr. Pederson will be attending Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colo., next semester.

Landscape products seminar, distribution set for May 10

A Chickasaw Nation landscaping products distribution program seminar is set for 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 10 at the old Chickasaw Nation Gym, 520 East Arlington, Ada, Okla.

Chickasaw homeowners and those in the process of purchasing a home are eligible to receive trees, shrubs and sod for their homes.

Attending the seminar is a requirement to participate in the landscaping products distribution program. Topics cov-

ered include types of plant species, and care and maintenance for a variety of vegetation.

Participants must provide a copy of Chickasaw citizenship card, utility bill and proof of home ownership (warranty deed, insurance binder or letter from the lender).

For more information, contact Patty Daniels at (580) 235-6582.

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Special Speaker: Stefani Cochran, Chickasaw, National Indian Gaming Commission vice-chairperson.

10:30 a.m. "Wholeness: Catching Your Tailwind."

Noon Luncheon & Keynote Speaker

1:30 p.m. Creative View Roundtable on Relationships: "Houston, We Have a Problem!"

Moderator: Dr. Traci Morris, Chickasaw

3 p.m. "Defying Gravity: When Up Feels Down"

4 p.m. Women's Fair, "Art of the Chickasaw Woman" exhibit

5 p.m. Reception & Soaring Entertainment featuring "Injunuity" (For conference registrants only).

6:30 p.m. Dynamic Women of the Chickasaw Nation Forum.

All sessions are free but luncheon tickets are \$10. Deadline to purchase a meal ticket for the luncheon is April 15.

The forum is presented annually by the Chickasaw Clemente Humanities Studies program through the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities in partnership with East Central University.

Its purpose is to salute the valuable contributions, talents and skills of the dynamic women of the Chickasaw Nation. "Art of the Chickasaw Woman" will be on display following the conference at the McSwain Theatre gallery, 130 W. Main in Ada, until May 2.

To register, purchase tickets or for more information, contact the Division of Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520 or email laura.clark@chickasaw.net.

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Register to vote - fast and simple! Deadline July 5

What can you do that takes only a few minutes yet can make life-changing differences in the lives of all Chickasaw people?

Register to vote!

Registering to vote in Chickasaw tribal elections is fast and simple. A phone call, email or letter can handle it all.

Once you turn 18, simply contact the Chickasaw Nation Election Office to provide your address. Chickasaw elections are conducted as mail votes. Each registered voter receives his or her ballot in the mail, marks it, and returns it in the provided envelope. Simple!

One important thing to remember is to contact the Election Secretary if you move. To receive your ballot, your current address must be on file. Again, a simple call or email accomplishes the task.

This summer, as every summer, Chickasaw candidates will be vying for a variety of executive, legislative and judicial seats. Your vote counts!

The last day to register to vote and be eligible for this

year's election is July 5. Register today and make a real difference!

To register to vote, or to update your address, please contact tribal Election Secretary Rita Loder at (580) 310-6411 or

toll free at 1-888-661-0137. Mrs. Loder's email address is rita.loder@chickasaw.net

If you prefer to be in touch with Mrs. Loder by mail, simply drop her a note at P.O. Box 695, Ada, OK 74821.

Want to check your citizenship or CDIB? Call or go online today!

Unsure of your Chickasaw citizenship status, or even your Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood? Following are a few easy guidelines to help you:

All Chickasaws can become Chickasaw citizens, regardless of age.

All Chickasaws age 12 and older receive a citizenship photo ID card.

Chickasaw children under age 12 receive a citizenship certificate.

To become a Chickasaw citizen, a simple citizenship form is required.

You can get the citizenship form from the Tribal Government Services Office, or on-

line at www.chickasaw.net

If you are a citizen and have moved, you can call the tribal Election Secretary at 1-888-661-0137 or go online at www.chickasaw.net and click on the "register to vote" button on the right to update your address.

Certificate of Indian Blood and Chickasaw citizenship are two distinctly different designations.

For assistance with Chickasaw citizenship and CDIB, contact the Tribal Government Services Office at (580) 436-7250 or visit 2015 Lonnie Abbott Industrial Boulevard, Ada, Okla.

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Deadline for submission is the 22nd of each month prior to publication. Submissions can be mailed, faxed, hand-delivered or e-mailed.

Our artistic roots reflect Chickasaw appreciation of beauty

For many generations the Chickasaw Nation has served as a leader in a wide array of disciplines.

In the centuries prior to our Removal from the original homelands, Chickasaw warriors were renowned and feared for their skill, bravery and ferocity. Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto in 1541 discovered what could occur upon enraging Chickasaw fighters.

The Chickasaw Nation was known for its highly-organized and successful government structure. Chickasaw government oversaw and directed the establishment and protection of our communities, our formation of alliances with other tribes and nations, and our efficient hunting and gathering pursuits.

Yes, the Chickasaw Nation was at the forefront of most important endeavors prior to – and after – Removal. One endeavor that has survived and flourished is our tradition of Chickasaw art.

Our culture is one that has consistently realized the importance of art in our heritage. Early Chickasaw artists were masters of design and scale. We are all familiar with the many motifs and images our ancestors created to represent water, earth, sun and more. They are beautiful and engaging. And there is



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so much more, beginning with Chickasaw architecture.

The Chickasaw Village recreation at the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur tells an amazing story. Hundreds of years ago, Chickasaws were designing and building useful, sizeable structures for Chickasaw people, as well as for essential supplies.

Designing and building a council house, a winter house or summer house, was not a simple task. Chickasaw builders had to calculate the strength of various materials, how those materials would fit together, and how the structure would withstand environmental challenges.

Not only did our ancestral builders meet all those challenges, they made the buildings an art form, as well. Chickasaw buildings have traditionally been not only functional, but beautiful as well! Our modern Chickasaw architecture honors our predecessors with benefit of modern materials.

We can see our culture presented through the work of our many exceptional sculptors and potters. Chickasaw work in clay and related media is unique, beautiful and steeped in history. Hundreds of years ago, our artists created pottery for daily use in Chickasaw homes. Our pottery had, and has, a distinct and beguiling style that is regularly noted for its gentle

beauty and celebration of our natural environment.

Storytelling, our verbal tradition, has transcended time and passed along beautiful, engaging stories that communicate long held moral truths. Our art of oil, watercolor and pen on canvas has many accomplished purveyors who are true to Chickasaw artistic models.

Chickasaws, both young and not so young, are achieving exceptional status as writers, bead workers, musicians, bow makers, performing artists, playwrights, leather workers, designers, photographers and much more. The Chickasaw Nation is home to a tremendously diverse group of artists who are sharing portions of Chickasaw history across the country and around the world.

We confirmed many years ago that we would nurture our artistic traditions and would pass those traditions along to our children. We determined it was important to provide outlets for our young artists and artisans to train, to grow and to express their spirits. That is as fundamentally Chickasaw as anything we do.

We are committed to assisting our artists, supporting their work, and celebrating their many successes.

A great nation unfailingly supports its artistic traditions, and its artists. Art is an expression of feelings, a reflection of people, places and things, and a key to the joy all people find in creations of beauty.

It may be words, music composition, paint, wood, stone, multimedia, images or any of a countless number of elements that the artist shapes into art. All of it defines beauty, spirit and endless possibilities. All of it is undeniably Chickasaw.

Chickasaw Chamber Music Festival

Renowned opera singer to pay homage to Indian composer



Barbara McAlister

Dramatic mezzo-soprano Barbara McAlister feels the human voice is “the most beautiful instrument that God created.”

At the inaugural Chickasaw Chamber Music Festival, set for June 3-5, Ms. McAlister will use her gift to honor her friend, fellow Cherokee and America’s first Indian classical composer, the late Dr. Louis W. Ballard. Dr. Ballard was a well-known composer, music educator and award-winning music

journalist. He received the First American in the Arts Lifetime Musical Achievement Award in 1997 and was the first classical composer to be inducted into the Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame.

“It’s an honor to perform his works,” Ms. McAlister said, “and it will come from my heart. I hope the audience will feel it as well.”

The Chickasaw Chamber Music Festival is the first of its kind and will feature many of the top names among American Indian composers and performers of modern classical music.

Ms. McAlister said the Chickasaw Chamber Music Festival is a concept that had been a long time coming.

“This is something I’ve hoped for a very long time,” she said. “I’m excited to be a part of it.”

It is great for people, especially tribal youth, she said, to experience performances by professional Native American musicians.

“It is wonderful that the Chickasaw Nation is providing

this opportunity by pulling all of this talent together for the festival.”

A Muskogee, Okla., native, Ms. McAlister began her operatic career as an apprentice with the Santa Fe Opera Company and Central City Opera Company. She went on to perform with the Washington Opera Company, Cherokee Heritage Center, Arizona Opera, San Diego Opera, Tulsa Opera, Florentine Opera, New York Grand Opera and Opera New England.

Her international career has included performances in Germany, Monte Carlo, Cannes, Modena, Ferrara, Paris, Lisbon and Hong Kong. She toured France with the New Bulgarian Opera as Ortrud in “Lohengrin” and returned the following year as the mezzo soloist in the “Verdi Requiem.”

She has also given recitals for the Oklahoma State Arts Council Touring Program, singing arias and Native American songs in Cherokee. She created the role of Qualla in Lindor Chlarsson’s opera “Mountain Windsong,” based on the Cher-

okee Trail of Tears and has played Selu in the Trail of Tears drama/musical in Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

Barbara McAlister’s tribute performance at the Chickasaw Chamber Music Festival is scheduled for 3 p.m. Sunday, June 5. She will be joined by

Voices of Change, a contemporary music ensemble hailing from Dallas.

For more information on the Chickasaw Chamber Music Festival, visit www.chickasaw.net/ccmf.

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Ada’s McSwain Theatre to host Chickasaw Chamber Music Festival

The McSwain Theatre in Ada, Okla., will be the location for the groundbreaking Chickasaw Chamber Music Festival June 3-5.

Chickasaw composer-in-residence Jerod Impichchaacha’ Tate will serve as artistic director for the festival, which is the first of its kind. Standout Native American performers will be featured including Tate, Yaqui classical guitarist Gabriel Ayala, contemporary ensemble Voices of Change, Cherokee mezzo-soprano Barbara McAlister and ETHEL, a Juilliard-trained string quartet.

Nightly concerts at 7:30 p.m. and a Sunday matinee concert

are planned; ETHEL will perform Friday, June 3 and classical guitarist Gabriela Ayala on Saturday, June 4. Barbara McAlister will be accompanied by Voices of Change 3 p.m. Sunday for the event’s finale, a tribute to the late Dr. Louis W. Ballard.

Lectures and master classes by Chickasaw Chamber Music Festival performers are also being offered to selected individuals. The general public may observe lectures and classes at no charge.

The McSwain Theatre is located at 130 W. Main in Ada. For more information, visit www.chickasaw.net/ccmf

Indians with IIM, Individual Trust Accounts may be eligible for Cobell settlement

The process of notifying individual Indians of their right to participate in the historic \$3.4 billion class action Settlement, *Cobell v. Salazar*, is under way.

The Cobell settlement involves claims of federal mismanagement of more than 300,000 Individual Indian Money (IIM) accounts and other individual trust accounts. Current estimates project that most Class Members will receive about

\$1,800, with some Class Members receiving much more depending on the level of activity in their IIM accounts.

Only Native Americans who have had IIM accounts or other individual trust assets managed by the federal trust are eligible for any settlement funds.

Class Members who receive a formal notice in the mail about the Settlement and who are currently receiving

IIM account statements do not have to do anything to receive payment. Individuals who believe they should be part of the Settlement but do not receive a notice in the mail or are not receiving IIM account statements should fill out a Claim Form as soon as possible.

Claim forms are available at the Indian Trust website www.indiantrust.com or by calling 1-800-961-6109. If you believe you may be an IIM ac-

count holder, you can find out by going to www.indiantrust.com or by calling 1-800-961-6109. The Bureau of Indian Affairs also offers assistance, and can be reached at 580-436-0784. You may also email info@indiantrust.com or send questions by mail to the address below. Indian Trust Settlement

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Cobell Settlement background

The \$3.4 billion Settlement was reached between the Departments of the Interior and Treasury and the individual Indian plaintiffs in December 2009. The Settlement resolves the government's failure to provide an historical accounting for IIM accounts and also resolves claims that the government mismanaged funds and other trust assets, including royalties owed to individual Indians for oil, gas, grazing, and other leases of individual Indian lands, mostly in the West. The Settlement provides a \$1.5 billion fund to compensate an estimated 500,000 affected individual Indian trust beneficiaries who have or had IIM accounts or own trust land. The Settlement creates two groups of Class Members eligible to

receive money from the fund—the Historical Accounting Class and the Trust Administration Class.

• **The Historical Accounting Class** comprises individual Indians who were alive on September 30, 2009, who had an open IIM account anytime between October 25, 1994 and September 30, 2009, and whose account had at least one cash transaction.

• **The Trust Administration Class** comprises individual Indians alive on September 30, 2009, who had an IIM Account at any time from 1985 through September 30, 2009, recorded in currently available electronic data in federal government systems, as well as individual Indians who, as of September 30, 2009, had a recorded or demonstrable interest in land

held in trust or restricted status.

• **The estates of deceased Class Members will also receive a Settlement distribution** if the deceased beneficiary's account was open as of September 30, 2009, or their land interest was open in probate as of that date. Other eligibility conditions and requirements for each Class are detailed in the Settlement Agreement.

Under the Settlement Agreement, \$1.9 billion will fund a Department of the Interior program to buy fractionated interests in trust or restricted land from willing sellers to benefit tribal communities and aid in land consolidation. Depending on the level of participation in the land consolidation program, up to \$60 million will be set aside to

provide scholarships for higher education for American Indian and Alaska Native youth. Information about the Settlement and legal rights is available to all American Indians and Alaska Natives. The website www.IndianTrust.com and toll-free number 1-800-961-6109 are available to provide more information about the Settlement and the legal rights of Class Members. Individuals who are unsure whether they are included in

the Settlement should visit the website or call the toll-free number for more information. Individuals wishing to keep their right to sue the federal government over mismanagement claims covered by the Settlement must exclude themselves from the Settlement by April 20, 2011. Class Members can also submit written comments or objections about any Settlement terms that concern them by April 20, 2011.

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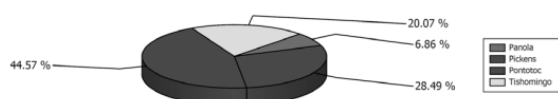
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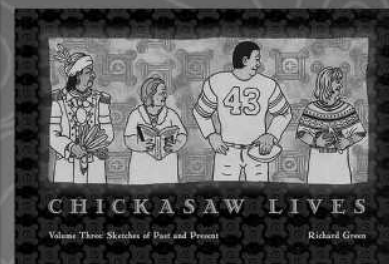
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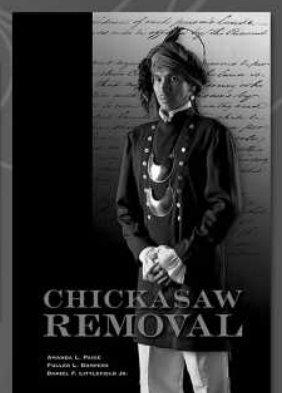
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and historic Chickasaw structures. She became renowned as a researcher of Chickasaw family history, and, at age 98, published her book "Edmund Pickens (Okchantubby): First Elected Chickasaw Chief, His Life and Times."

Mrs. Tate has long been active in Chickasaw tribal affairs. She has held offices in the Chickasaw-Choctaw Confederation and the Atoka Treaty Rights Association, the Tifahaya Inter-tribal Club and the Ohoyohoma Club. She has also been a long-time member of the Chilocco National Alumni Association and was inducted into the Chilocco Indian School Hall of Fame in 1987.

In addition, she has been active as a member of the Bloomfield-Carter Seminary Alumni Association

Always full of pride for her heritage, she turned her energies toward genealogy in 1961. Since then, she has devoted herself to the study of her ancestry and has encouraged family and friends to study their genealogy and preserve as much of their history as possible. She is passionate about the preservation of Chickasaw history and culture and has encouraged Chickasaws to have pride in their past.

The induction ceremony will be conducted during the Oklahoma Historical Society Annual Awards Luncheon at the Cherokee Strip Conference Center in Enid at 12:15 p.m., Friday, April 29, 2011.

The cost of the Luncheon is \$18 and reservations for the luncheon must be made in advance. A letter of invitation and registration form has been sent to each member of the OHS.

Non-members may purchase luncheon reservations by contacting Alma Moore at 405-522-5242 or Shelly Crynes at 405-522-0317.



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2. You, or someone on your behalf, complained in writing or orally, about discrimination in farm-loan programs, and
3. You tried to obtain a loan or servicing of a loan from the USDA.

If you believe you qualify or would like more information on this settlement, please call 1-888-233-5506 or visit www.IndianFarmClass.com.

Keeping employees trained, excited is key

Chukma! Chin Chukma. Thank goodness Spring is finally here! But with all the beauty comes the ugly. Please pray for all the victims of the earthquake and tsunami. I can't imagine the heartache and devastation they are going through.

This month the Human Resources Committee only had one resolution - the gubernatorial appointment of Mr. Reubin Orphan to the Wildlife Commission. The Commission was created by the Legislature to regulate the taking of wildlife on tribal lands. The Commission is comprised of three members and Mr. Orphan will fill a seat vacated by the resignation of Mr. Gene Underwood. We appreciate Mr. Underwood for his service and we thank him. Mr. Orphan is retired from the BIA Chickasaw Agency and states "I think I know every tree and what you can plant in every field."

Mr. Orphan shows great concern and care for the land and wildlife within the Chickasaw Nation and I believe that he will make an excellent Commissioner.

On another note, I was privileged to attend a women's conference hosted by our own Chickasaw Nation Division of Commerce training office on March 1 and 2. Their mission is to provide motivational training to all of the Chickasaw businesses and tribal employees to help them better

serve our people. Over 200 attended this Second Annual Women's Conference titled "Colors of Harmony."

They had a wonderful keynote speaker who delivered an address titled "Stop What is Stopping You." There were many breakout sessions including "Women in the World of Business," discussions to sharpen your image and wardrobe/makeup consulting.

Tony Gibson is the Conference and Events Coordinator for the Division of Commerce. He and his staff were awesome. They decorated the place beautifully and made everyone feel special. Employee training is very important to us. It allows employees to learn new techniques in serving our people as well as earning incentive points to advance their careers. Comments received from the participants included "I really enjoyed this - it makes me feel great about myself," Great atmosphere and positive attitude," I am motivated and inspired" and "Awesome decor and music - very exciting."

Although this conference was only for women, I hear through the grapevine that one is in the works for men. I wish I could attend that conference also!

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Old home provides glimpse into history

As I recounted last month, the February edition of *the Times* contained an article about mapping significant historical sites of the Chickasaw Nation. It mentioned the Alberson/Collins home located in Colbert, Oklahoma; said to be one of the oldest continuously occupied houses in the state. The home is located on an acre south of town. Recently, I stopped by to visit with current residence, Mr. Hueland and Wanda Hale. The Alberson/Collins home has been in the Hale family for approximately the past 25 years. While touring, I was able to take a picture of the stairwell where original logs are still exposed. To be able to touch and feel the actual logs of the home where my Great grandfather, Benjamin F. Collins, grew up was special.



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Mr. Hale shared that his father, Sherman, had actually been on the Colbert Ferry (another historical Chickasaw landmark). Sherman had been 22 years old at the time. The family had traveled by covered wagon from Widener Arkansas and had crossed the Red River by using the Colbert Ferry on their way to Gatesville, Texas. The trip had taken 33 days. While the Hale family isn't of Chickasaw decent, it gives us a glimpse of the ingenuity of our ancestors and their business ventures. Even back then lives were touched by Chickasaw people. Just as they are today! Isn't it amazing the appreciation of our family history becomes greater as we age?

Are you interested in tribal history? One good way to learn about stories and events that have occurred over time is by joining the Chickasaw Historical Society.

(CHS) was established in April of 1994 with a mission statement to "preserve, revitalize, and share Chickasaw history and culture so future generations can continue the fire". Included in your membership is a one-year subscription to *The Journal of Chickasaw History and Culture*, which is published biannually in the late spring and fall. Contact Verna Todd at (580) 436-2603 for more information.

Attention all Chickasaws in or around the Panola District there will be another community meeting at the Achille Senior Center, Saturday, April 30, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. The topic to be presented will be on genealogy. Hope to see you there. If you would like more information about the meeting contact Ms. Kay Anders, (580) 283-3979.

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:16

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Safeguarding Chickasaw health care funds essential

Hello and greetings from Legislator Connie Barker, seat 2, Pickens District and Committee Chair of the Health Care Committee.

We have begun 2011 with many new and exciting goals for healthcare related to adding more service capabilities through the Ardmore clinic addition, and maintaining access to our state-of-the-art Medical Center. Our other medical service units continue to provide needed healthcare services and our recruitment efforts for healthcare provider's, through all professional disciplines, remains strong.

I had mentioned in previous articles that with the "Affordable Care Act" legislation and other state funding issues, that programs and services might come under federal and states' scrutiny for budget amendments, proposed cuts, etc. A concern for instance was the continuation of IHS funding for diabetes affecting so many of our citizens in our Nation, along with all other American Indians affected in the United States and abroad. It is our commitment to review these proposed changes occurring at the federal level, and more specifically Congressional Budget Office recommendations for cost saving measures being presented, to determine our interaction. My interaction is to be an advocate for you and enter into debate with our state and federal legislators if I think potential legislation and or budget cuts are detrimental to our healthcare goals.

Recently, we worked through meetings with our local state legislators to champion H.B. 1381, which is entitled *Supplemental Hospital Offset Payment Program*, which would provide assessment fees on certain hospitals in Oklahoma to be used for the federal match under the Medicaid program currently in place. Indian hospitals are exempt from the assessment, but will benefit along with other Critical Access Hospitals in Oklahoma in ensuring a payment methodology continues. The Oklahoma Hospital Association became the champion for this legislation and it recently passed the Oklahoma House with a 2/3rds majority and will now move to the Senate. It is grassroots efforts like this that makes meaningful legislation happen, and it is no different than our efforts placed toward attempting to direct federal legislation as well.

It is my pleasure to serve, and I am not timid when it comes to protecting our sovereign status and our segments of business that help to fund our many programs that benefit each one of us. Our positive interaction with our state and federal legislators, along with IHS and the B.I.A., has allowed us to voice our concerns, help change legislation, and continue the progression of our nation without any reflection. We remain unconquered and unconquerable – and our successes hinge on the cohesiveness of the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches as well as the intellectual capital that we have enjoyed through all divisions of our great nation. Much more to follow on federal healthcare legislation!

In Good Health and Prosperity,
Connie Barker



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BARKER**

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Cemetery project brings renewal for sacred place

Hello Everyone,
Here in the Chickasaw Nation, signs of spring are visible. Green grass is sprouting, the Red Buds are blooming, and the geese are flying north. Now is a time of beginning, when things are new. It is a chance to clean and feel the promise of rejuvenation.

A recent reclamation endeavor by Chickasaw citizen Sam Townsend combined the promise of rejuvenation and honor to his ancestors and the time in our past they occupied.

At Owl Creek, Sam and his wife, Mary, live on his family's allotted land. Owl Creek is a community located north of Stonewall, OK. Like many original allotments, it is a "home place," that includes a family cemetery. High on a ridge at Owl Creek, with its well-maintained grounds and metallic markers, handmade by Sam to look like traditional stone markers, the Melville family cemetery sits serenely and peacefully as it has for nearly a century.

Because Chickasaw allotments date back to the turn of the century, the oldest graves are usually from shortly thereafter, and the oldest resting place at the Melville family cemetery is that of Pearl Melville, which dates back to 1912.

The cemetery was not always in such good condition and well maintained. Time and dispersed family had left the sacred grounds in ruins. Grass, leaves, underbrush, overgrown trees, vines and failing fences

were detracting from the beauty of the honorable place.

While deciding upon and preparing for retirement, Sam made a list of things he wanted to do. At the top of the list was to clean up, restore and maintain the cemetery. Upon retiring from the cement plant in Ada, OK, Sam, with the help of his cousin, Kevin Norman, began the cemetery's reclamation and restoration. They spent many dedicated hours clearing underbrush and vines with hand tools, mowing, raking and building and mending fence. Simple stone markers were replaced with Sam's handmade markers. He referenced his mother's book to make sure all the names and dates on the markers were accurate.

For their hard work, Sam, Kevin and the entire family have a beautiful and sacred place that honors and shows the respect they have for those who came before. May the Melville family cemetery last as long and be as beautiful as the blue Arbuckle Mountains in the distance.

Respectfully,
Katie



Sam Townsend



Women's Forum a great way to connect with others

Hello Everyone,
Spring is such a great time of year in the Chickasaw Nation. There are so many activities going on that many times you have to make a choice.

Don't forget to check out the Chickasaw Nation website on a regular basis so you won't miss out on an opportunity to participate in an event.

One of the most popular events this time of year is the Dynamic Women of the Chickasaw Nation Annual Forum. This year the event will be at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center in Ada on April 21.

All women should start making plans now to attend this wonderful conference. The Dynamic



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Women of the Chickasaw Nation Forum salutes the valuable contributions, skills, and talents of dynamic Chickasaw women, through a candid question-and-answer format. Our tribe has long been known for its strong and dynamic women. From early on in our tribe's history, women have taken risks and worked hard to provide for their families, sometimes doing whatever it took to survive.

Wanda Savage is described as passionate, proud and adventurous. She became a Wild West sharpshooter, following her passions at any cost.

From humble beginnings, TeAta's career as an actress and storyteller led her to perform before kings and presidents. She preserved and promoted a great affection for

the old ways and stories of the American Indian.

Ataloa began her education in a one-room school. She then went on to complete degrees from the University of Redlands in California and Columbia University in New York. After accepting a teaching position at Bacone College at Muskogee, she held free concerts to raise money to help establish scholarships for Native American students.

Another Chickasaw woman with the courage and determination to accomplish great things was Pearl Carter Scott, who became the youngest aviator in the United States at that time. With her "never give up attitude," she went on to hold many positions within the Nation, known for doing whatever she could to help others.

Chickasaw women have fought in our country's wars and kept the home fires burning when our men went off to war. Today our dynamic women include authors, playwrights, artists, attorneys, doctors, CEO's, Attorneys General, State Legislators, and the list goes on and on. We can be very proud to be Chickasaw women. History tells us we come from good stock: proud, strong, independent women, who are willing to take risks to achieve their dreams and work hard for their families and communities.

The present tells us that we are making a difference in our tribe and in the world. The future for our young Chickasaw women looks bright. There are no limits upon what you can do. A path has been blazed before you. Doors have been opened, and ceilings have been broken. Now it's up to you. Hope to see you at the Forum.

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CNI doing great work in support of Chickasaws

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District. We hope all of you are doing well and enjoying the warm weather of Spring.

Our Chickasaw Health System continues to grow. We recently attended the retirement reception for Dr. Lynn Page, DDS, and his wife Pattie. Dr. Page has been a dentist for the Health System for 21 years. He previously served 24 years in the Public Health Service and 9 years in private practice. He taught part-time at the University of Oklahoma School of Dentistry and spent 2 years in residency in the Prosthodontics Department. Dr. and Mrs. Page have

a son Ryan, daughter Angela and three grandchildren.

Dr. Page is looking forward to spending more time with his children and grandchildren, organic gardening, jogging. Plan B, if he gets tired of retirement, is to teach prosthodontics at the OU School of Dentistry part-time.

Dr. Page has blessed many of our Native Americans with dentures. He certainly was a blessing to me! After wearing the same set of dentures 17 years, he made me the best set I have ever worn. I lost my teeth through ill health, Lupus, at an early age. What a blessing to eat steak and corn on the cob! Dr. Page will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

May all of God's blessings be on him and his family in his retirement.

David Nimmo is an attorney from Ada who has a long time relationship with the Chickasaw Nation through contract work and as an employee of Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc. (CNI). David is the new CEO of CNI, attended our Committee of the Whole meeting in March and gave an excellent report. One thing he told us that really warmed my heart is that all the employees of CNI are motivated by the fact that they are working for the Chickasaw citizens, not merely a for-profit company. He cited that fact as a big part of the reason that CNI is doing so well in the business world. We are truly blessed to have such motivated employees at CNI!

I would love to hear from you. Please contact me through my email address mary.green@chickasaw.net or through the address and telephone number listed elsewhere in this and every issue of *the Chickasaw Times* and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. My articles are also located on the web site. Until next time, I wish God's blessings on all of our people. Thank you.

Court Advocates now available in Ardmore, Ada and Purcell

Court Advocate Services are now available in Ardmore, Ada, and Purcell to assist Native Americans with legal problems.

To make an appointment call 1-800-479-1459.

This is a service provided by the tribal court system.

Apply now for Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy

There are several worthwhile events upon us in the coming months. I'd like to encourage all Chickasaw women to consider attending the annual Dynamic Women of the Chickasaw Nation 2011 Conference and Forum. It will be held April 21 at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center of Ada. The theme this year is "New Heights, New Horizons," which was inspired by the movie, "Pearl," about the life of Chickasaw aviator Pearl Carter Scott. This day-long event will feature Steffani Cochran, vice-chairperson of the National Indian Gaming Commission in Washington, D.C. There will be a special Chickasaw keynote speaker at lunch and an early

evening reception with entertainment by "Injunuity," a NAMMY award-winning group. The evening will close with the popular forum, featuring four distinguished Chickasaw women panelists. If you would like to attend, contact Laura Clark with the division of arts and humanities, at (580) 272-5520 to register.

It's that time of year when all our talented Chickasaw children prepare themselves to attend the annual Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy (CSAA). The academy will be held July 18 - 30 on the campus of East Central University in Ada. Applications are now available and are due on April 4. This is such a great opportunity

for our children, ages eight to 19, to develop their artistic skills. With a dream team of instructors, the children enhance their abilities through dance, acting, writing, music, visual arts and textile design. I encourage everyone to attend the performances at the end of this two-week academy. What joy it brings to everyone to see our children perform and showcase their work. We are truly enhancing and encouraging the lives of our children with this opportunity.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.

~Colossians 3:15

Shana Tate Hammond

Pickens District Seat 4



SHANA HAMMOND

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Thanks to our military men and women, Honor Guard

Iwould like to take this opportunity to thank all the brave men and women currently serving or who have previously served in our armed forces. At a recent Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission event, Rita Aragon, a retired Air National Guard two-star general currently serving as Oklahoma Secretary of Veterans Affairs, stated that in the general population, 1 in 100 serve in the military. However, in the Native American population the ratio is 1 in 10. This is an amazing statistic, and I am very proud of our "Chickasaw Warriors!" I appreciate everything you do to keep our country safe and free.

While attending the Chickasaw Honor Guard

meeting last month, I witnessed Cecil Underwood being sworn in as the newest member of the guard by Legislator Nancy Elliott. The Chickasaw Honor Guard conducts military honors at a veteran's funeral or memorial service. The Honor Guard also does a wonderful job posting the colors at tribal functions and events across the nation. If you are interested in requesting service, or a veteran wanting to get involved, please call Bernie Seeley or Lura Mullican at (580) 272-5085 for more information.

In my travels last month, I also had the opportunity to visit with Jennifer Wynne at the North Pontotoc Community Council meeting. She men-

tioned how much her family enjoyed the Language Immersion Family Camp last summer at Tatanka Ranch. They participated in great activities with an emphasis on Chickasaw language instruction. With deadlines approaching, now is the time to get signed up for the exciting Camps, Clinics and Academies happening this summer.

I would love to hear from you. Please contact me with your concerns, needs or questions. I am here to help.

May God bless you and your family,

Toby Perkins, Legislator

Pontotoc District, Seat 1

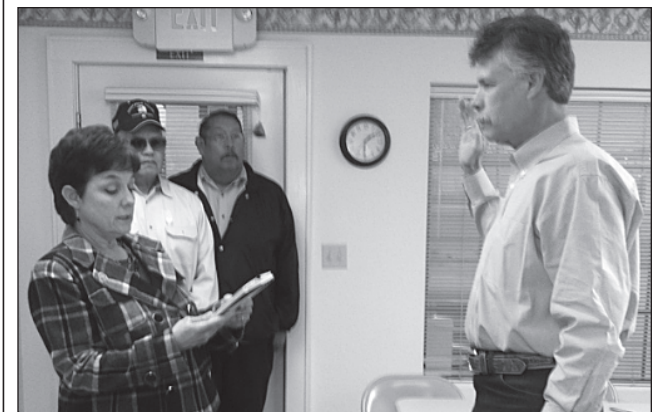
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Cecil Underwood being sworn in as the newest member of the Chickasaw Nation Honor Guard by Legislator Nancy Elliott.

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Te Ata Fisher employee art show set for May 10-21

ADA, Okla. - Registration deadline for the 2011 Te Ata Fisher Chickasaw Nation Employee Art Show is Monday, May 2.

Scheduled for May 10-21, the show is hosted by the tribal Division of Arts and Humanities. The show will be exhibited in the gallery of the new Chickasaw Nation Arts and Humanities building, 201 N. Broadway in Ada.

Visual artists may enter up to four pieces of original artwork (up to two pieces per category) in two-dimensional, three-dimensional, cultural, textile and miniature categories. Submitted artworks must

be ready for display. Literary and culinary arts are two new areas of competition for this year's show. Writers may enter up to two short stories or poems. Those wishing to enter the culinary arts competition may enter up to two desserts but in separate categories including cakes, special occasion cakes, specialty cookies or pies.

Registration forms and art works, literary works and culinary arts items must be received in the Division of Arts and Humanities offices on or before the following deadlines:

Visual artwork: Registration deadline is Monday, May 2. Deadline to submit visual artwork is between 7:30 a.m. and noon, Tuesday, May 10.

Culinary arts: Registration deadline is Monday, May 2. Culinary entries are due between 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Saturday, May 14. Culinary arts entries will only be received at the south door on 10th street of the division building.

Literary Arts: Submission and registration deadline is Monday, May 2 to allow time for judging. Employees entering more

than one area of competition (visual, literary or culinary) may enter works in up to two categories overall for the 2011 show. There are no entry fees. Open to the public free of charge, exhibit hours are 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays.

Tribal employees who attend the show, beginning at 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 10 through 10 a.m. Saturday, May 14 may cast a vote for their favorite artwork of the show. The artwork receiving the most employee votes will receive the Employee Choice Award at the awards ceremony.

A tribal employee badge is required to cast a vote. Winners of all visual, literary and culinary categories will be recognized at an awards ceremony and reception scheduled for 11 a.m., Saturday, May 14, 2011, at the Arts and Humanities building.

Registration forms and entry guidelines can be found on MyNation at <http://mynation.chickasaw.net> or by contacting the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520 or artistinfo@chickasaw.net.

CONTRIBUTED BY Carrie Buckley, tribal media relations.

Chikasha Ittifama (Chickasaw Reunion) May 20-21 at Kullihoma

KULLIHOMA - Mark your calendars for the annual gathering of Chickasaws and guests from across the country, Chikasha Ittifama, set for Friday and Saturday May 20-21 at Kullihoma.

Saturday will be filled traditional reunion activities beginning at 8:30 a.m. and will continue through the evening. These include a youth fishing derby, cornstalk shooting contest, youth and adult archery competitions, blow gun competition, Squirrel Stick throw, loksi races and stickball games.

Corn husk dolls, beadwork, moccasin making, stickball, Chickasaw clothing and basket weaving will be featured as cultural demonstrations.

A traditional meal will be served for Saturday's lunch, including pashofa, fry bread, salt meat and grape dumplings.

Overnight camping spaces are available, including tent spaces and a limited number of RV hook ups. To reach the site, travel to the Kullihoma sign seven miles northeast of Ada on Highway 1, then travel three miles east and one mile south.

For information, or to volunteer, call Terri Haney (580) 436-2603.

CONTRIBUTED BY Carrie Buckley, tribal media relations.

2011 stomp dance dates set

Citizens are invited to several upcoming stomp dances hosted by the Chickasaw Nation Division of History and Culture at Kullihoma.

Each dance occurs on a Friday night from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Stomp dance dates are April 16, July 15, August 13 and October 7.

The dances are open to the public and there is no charge for admission. No drugs or alcohol are allowed on the premises and participants are encouraged to bring lawn chairs.

Kullihoma is seven miles northeast of Ada on Highway 1.

For more information, contact the Chickasaw Nation Division of History and Culture at (580) 622-7130.

CONTRIBUTED BY Carrie Buckley, tribal media relations.

Military care packages

The Chickasaw Nation distributes military care packages to individuals stationed away from their permanent residences.

If you know men or women who fit the criteria and would like to add them to the military care package list, **please contact Ms. Joy Barrick at (580) 310-6451 or joy.barrick@chickasaw.net.** Thank you for your assistance and for supporting our troops!



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'Brannan's Big Band' each Friday on KCNP

Longtime radio man shares his love of Big Band music



Chickasaw citizen Tom Brannan records "Brannan's Big Band" a Big Band show which airs at 9 a.m. Fridays and 6 p.m. Sundays on 89.5 FM KCNP, Chickasaw Nation Community Radio. Mike McKee

ADA, Okla. – Blues, jazz, Big Band.

Those words conjure up images of a wholesome time when life was simpler in America.

Chickasaw citizen Tom Brannan has spent his life devoted to Big Band music and now shares his vast knowledge of the music genre with the world during "Brannan's Big Band" radio show on tribal radio station 89.5 FM KCNP.

Airing every Friday at 9 a.m., Mr. Brannan presents his own music collection and pays homage to the Big Bands of yesteryear and today. The one-hour show repeats Sundays at 6 p.m.

"The show is not just about old bands, we will also play

some new things," he said. "It's good music that conveys wholesomeness."

Known by his radio colleagues as the region's foremost expert on blues, jazz and Big Band music, Mr. Brannan said working with Chickasaw Nation community radio station KCNP 89.5 FM allowed him to share the music with the world and give back to his tribe.

"I feel great and I am happy to be back on the radio and associated with KCNP," Mr. Brannan said. "I hope to be doing this for many years."

The KCNP show was developed after the radio staff spoke to many elders.

The senior citizens expressed a desire for a Big Band show, saying the availability of a local Big Band radio show was scarce.

"They told us Friday mornings will be the best time for them to schedule an activity around the Big Band show," said KCNP manager Brian Brashier.

Mr. Brannan was contacted to develop the show due to his extensive knowledge of the music and his many years of experience radio production.

As a child he was inspired by his parents' Big Band collection on 78s, (78 rpm records) and he began collecting the music when he was six years old.

"I have always loved that music," he said. "My mother used to say, 'He can't tell you when Columbus discovered America, but he can tell you who played third trombone in the Big Bands!'"

Through the years, people would give him Big Band music on 78s, vinyl, 8-track tapes, cassettes and finally, CDs. Today, his album collection consists of about 1,000 different types of Big Band music.

In 1974, as a sophomore East Central State College student, Mr. Brannan got his big break in radio when he went to work at KADA, in Ada. It was there he launched his first Big Band

show and where he learned the ropes of radio formatting and programming.

In the years which followed, he honed his radio skills and got to know Big Band performers personally.

"I got the bright idea to go interview these people who were still touring," he said.

One of his first interviewees was the Mills Brothers, one of the very biggest groups of the 1940s.

"To me talking to the Mills Brothers was like meeting Elvis," Mr. Brannan said.

Throughout the years, Mr. Brannan interviewed some of the top names in the music business including Les Brown, Bob Hope, Ginger Rogers, Steve Allen and Kay Starr.

"I have been very lucky to

catch a lot of these people," he said.

In his show, he offers stories and tidbits of Big Band trivia during song intermissions.

"What I am trying to do with the show is present different types of music, from the 30s, 40s and 50s, he said.

"It has always been my dream to work on the radio, presenting this music genre and I am happy to be doing it on KCNP."

Now a resident of Marietta, Okla., Mr. Brannan spent most of his life working at area radio stations but these days he can be found tending to his cattle in southern Oklahoma.

Mr. Brannan's Chickasaw history can be traced through his mother's lineage.

CONTRIBUTED BY Dana Lance, tribal media relations.

About KCNP

Backed by almost 50 years of cumulative broadcasting experience, the entire staff of 89.5 FM KCNP delivers reliable and entertaining public affairs programming, news and weather to the local community and world-wide at www.kcnpradio.org.

All staff members work diligently everyday to fulfill the mission of KCNP-FM: *To enlighten, educate, and entertain our listeners with quality radio programs.*

Working toward this mission, a live call in show; "Connections" kicked off last month. A variety of topics and issues will be discussed with experts in the field. The show airs Wednesdays at 11 a.m. The call-in show concept was sparked from Chickasaw citizens' suggestions. Daily public affairs programs are also designed to inform Chickasaw citizens about vital programs and services, which can enhance lives. The programming is broadcast from 7-9 a.m., 11 a.m.-1 p.m., and

4-7 p.m., Monday-Friday, with repeats on Saturday and Sunday.

A variety of topics are covered including; home safety, health and wellness, art, cultural awareness, community activities, environmental stewardship, gardening and landscaping, and more.

KCNP also specializes in a wide variety of music, from Country to Blues and Rock.

Much like the call-in show, musical selections and programming are selected after considering listener's requests.

KCNP strives to provide timely news, weather and sports of the communities and schools within the 13 counties located in the Chickasaw Nation. KCNP is continually working to greatly enhance these services.

A schedule of the day's programming and a streaming broadcast is available at <http://www.kcnpradio.org/>.

A link to the station is also available at <http://www.chickasaw.net/>.

About Big Band Music

Big Band is a type of [musical ensemble](#) associated with [jazz](#), a style of music popular during from the early 1930s until the late 1950s. Big Band evolved with the times and continues

today.

A big band typically consists of approximately 12 to 25 musicians and contains [saxophones](#), [trumpets](#), [trombones](#), [singers](#), and a [rhythm section](#).

This month on Connections

Connections is a weekly radio program on KCNP that covers a variety of topics and issues.

Each week, special guests are invited to discuss their areas of experience and expertise with host Brian Brashier.

Connections airs live on KCNP at 11 a.m. CST each Wednesday on 89.5 FM or streaming online at www.kcnpradio.org.

This month on Connections:

April 6 – "Dynamic Women of the Chickasaw Nation"

Tune into our program as we talk about the upcoming Dynamic Women of the Chickasaw Nation Conference & Forum.

April 13 – "Science & Technology and Youth"

Science can be fun! Learn more about how the Chickasaw Nation's youth robotics team is

teaching students about the possibilities of future careers in science and technology.

April 20 – "Indian Law"

Join us for a discussion you will not want to miss.

April 27 – "Agriculture/Spring Planting"

It's not too late to start a garden this year. Find out how to get started and what you should

This month on CNTV

The Chickasaw Nation youth robotics league competes in Oklahoma City.

More profiles from our Chickasaw voter awareness series.

A special feature on Chickasaw elder Katherine McGuire.

An interview with Chicka-

be doing in order to have a great crop this summer.

Listeners are invited to call the show's toll-free line at 1-TLK-895-KCNP (1-855-895-5267) to talk to each week's guest.

Questions and comments for guests can also be emailed to feedback@kcnpradio.org.

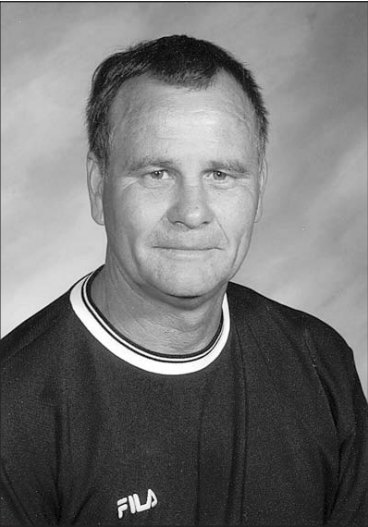
saw jewelry designer Kristen Dorsey.

....and much more! New episodes are available on the first and fifteenth of each month.

Visit www.chickasaw.tv and click on the News channel to watch CNTV.

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Chickasaw coach into state Track Hall of Fame



Ron Love

Ron Love enjoys “giving insight to the kids on what it takes to win.”

The 55-year-old track and cross country coach has been doing just that for more than 30 years.

“Kids put a lot of heart into it (sports),” Mr. Love said. “If I can head them in the right direction, that’s great.”

The Chickasaw citizen was recently inducted into the

Oklahoma Track Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

“To be nominated by your peers is always a prestigious thing,” Mr. Love said of the recognition.

Mr. Love’s impressive coaching record includes 21 state championships in cross country, 17 state runner-up titles in cross country and track as well as several all-state honors. For the last 10 years, Mr. Love has been coaching at Madill (OK) High School and Madill Middle School, where his teams has won nine state championships and finished runner-up three times.

He has also coached at other Oklahoma high schools including Sallisaw, Marlow, Tipton and Dickson as well as in Quinlan, Texas.

He said he loved coaching because he gets to teach the children the importance of hard work, diligence and education.

“Education never stops,” he said. “If you are a motivated person and want to do better in

life, you have to keep up with your education.”

Mr. Love regularly attends seminars, conferences and clinics “to learn new things.”

Mr. Love, who grew up playing basketball and baseball, got involved in track and cross country only in his senior year of high school, after he set a two-mile state record of 9:59 in a track meet.

He holds a bachelor’s degree in physical education with a minor in mathematics from the Oklahoma Christian College (now Oklahoma Christian University).

Mr. Love lives in Ardmore, Okla., with his wife Denise. They have four children, Anndria, Ryan, Aaron and Riley.

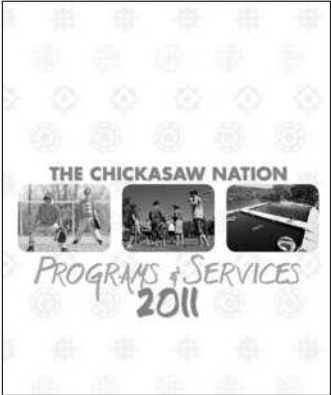
Mr. Love is the son of Betty Love of Fletcher, Okla., and the late Joyce Love. His siblings are Denise Spriggs and Carolyn Creek, of Sterling, Okla., and Jody Love, of Fletcher, Okla.

CONTRIBUTED BY Sharmina Manandhar, tribal media relations.

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The directories contain information about all Chickasaw Nation programs and services. Inside the directories you will find program descriptions, important phone numbers and contact information, office

locations and hours of operation, as well as program requirements. Don’t miss out on the opportunities available to you and your family. Reserve your copy by visiting <http://www.chickasaw.net/servicedirectory>.



Consistent tribal business performance marks 5-month period

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe’s general fund and the tribe’s BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Chickasaw Enterprises. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of the tribal operation, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Businesses revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes, sales revenue at convenience, travel plazas and tobacco stores, rent and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the maintenance and operations of tribal property, *Chickasaw Times* and Governor’s and Lt. Governor’s offices. Expenditure for education includes education scholarship as well as the tribe’s Division of Education. Health

expenditures include senior citizens sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses’ expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending February 28, 2011

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled \$11.2 million for the month and \$61.5 million year-to-date. Expenditures were \$8.1 million for the month and \$41.9 million year-to-date.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes for February totaled \$79.2 million and \$392.7 million year-to-date. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was \$98.5 million year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program operations the net income was \$38.9 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At February 28, 2011, the tribal government funds had \$128.0 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, \$18.0 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had \$189.8 million in cash and investments which is re-

served for accounts payable and business operations.

As of February 28, 2011, tribal operations, excluding federal program funding, had net assets of \$1,159 billion compared to \$1,125 billion at November 30, 2010 or an increase of \$34 million.

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
For the Five Months Ended February 28, 2011

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues	1,896,824	392,729,575	394,626,399
Transfers from businesses to tribal government	59,604,581	(59,604,581)	-
Total funds available	61,501,405	333,124,994	394,626,399
Expenditures			
General government	4,899,182		4,899,182
Legislature	738,546		738,546
Judiciary	411,525		411,525
Education	9,222,845		9,222,845
Heritage Preservation	5,491,719		5,491,719
Health	6,924,461		6,924,461
Youth and Family Services	3,976,545		3,976,545
Nutrition Programs	2,101,065		2,101,065
Regulatory	3,807,890		3,807,890
Assistance Programs	4,369,074		4,369,074
Gaming expense		211,864,270	211,864,270
Other businesses' expense		82,339,773	82,339,773
Total expenditures	41,942,852	294,204,043	336,146,895
Increase in net assets	19,558,553	38,920,952	58,479,505
Beginning net assets	520,092,616	580,945,883	1,101,038,499
Ending net assets	539,651,169	619,866,834	1,159,518,003

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Net Assets
February 28, 2011

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash and Investments	128,064,704	189,804,446	317,869,150
Receivables	40,839,234	52,110,471	92,949,705
Inventory		5,446,268	5,446,268
Prepaid expenses		16,859,559	16,859,559
Other Assets		10,285,533	10,285,533
Fixed assets	371,743,054	510,353,375	882,096,429
Less payables	(995,823)	(164,992,817)	(165,988,640)
Net Assets	539,651,169	619,866,834	1,159,518,003

Chickasaw volunteers help build home

Leadership students don hard hats for Habitat for Humanity project

OKLAHOMA CITY- More than 25 Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi (Creating Chickasaw Leaders) students learned the meaning of helping a neighbor and experienced the thrill of reaching a goal during the group's March session.

Group members completed two days of volunteer work during spring break at Central Oklahoma Habitat for Humanity in Oklahoma City.

Their tasks included framing a home and cleaning a build site.

"This is the most amazing experience I have ever had, it makes you feel good when you help build a home for someone else," said Autumn Underwood, a Chickasaw student from Ada.

During the framing process, the group arrived in the early morning to a build site that consisted of a slab of concrete. By day's end, the home was completely framed.

Nail-by-nail lessons about construction, teamwork and volunteerism continued throughout the day.

Looking at the framed dwelling, Chickasaw student Amber Wright, of Madill, felt a sense of accomplishment and pride.

"This is amazing, because (framing the entire structure) seemed like a huge goal this morning and now we have accomplished it," she said.

The Chickasaw students worked alongside the homeowners Yolanda Mendoza and her mother Barbara Gonzales. Joining in to assist were college students from Southeastern Missouri State University and high school students from New

Hampshire.

Mendoza said her family had been planning the home for almost two years and she was grateful for all the volunteers who helped.

Despite sore muscles and a few blisters, Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi student Patrick Cravatt described his time volunteering as a "life-changing experience."

"It makes me feel good about helping someone and not expecting anything in return," said Chickasaw leadership student Matt Smith.

Ann Felton, Central Oklahoma Habitat for Humanity executive director, said most of the 77,000 volunteers each year have never held a hammer, except to nail a picture on the wall. By the end of their time with the organization, most has learned a new skill.

"We are thrilled to have these young people who are willing to give of their time and give back to the community," Mrs. Felton said.

The trip marks the first official Chickasaw leadership session where group members worked with Central Oklahoma Habitat for Humanity.

In addition to the educational sessions, a requirement of the program members is to participate in a community-service project.

A one-day trip to Six Flags in Arlington, Texas followed the building project. It was a reward trip for the students' hard work and dedication.

The group will meet again April 9 and study Oklahoma history.

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Thirty members and staff of the Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi program (Creating Chickasaw Leaders) helped frame this Oklahoma City home during the March session, conducted, March 14-18. The group volunteered for two days during spring break to help the Central Oklahoma Habitat for Humanity. Standing, from left, Josh Bess, CAIP coordinator, Rick Lorg, Habitat for Humanity, CAIP students Macey Tiger, William Hickman, Morgan Rutledge, Dylan Asbery, Meagan Gaines, staff member Kevin Tiger, students Tyler Gillispie, Amanda Carney, Zac Stepps, Ciera Cox, Bridgette Bell, Taylor Alexander, Zac Garcia, Alexis Lewis, Jess Buss, Patrick Cravatt, Kira Fowler, Kelsey Blevins, Micah Hart, and CAIP staff Shannon Brown and Stormy Busby. Seated, from left, students Shadow Marris, Morgan Hennigan, Matt Smith, Autumn Underwood, Kayla Gamble, Makayla Qualls, Rachel Williams and Amber Wright.

Mike McKee



Members of the Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi program (Creating Chickasaw Leaders) raise a wall they helped build during the Spring Break trip to assist Central Oklahoma Habitat for Humanity build a home in Oklahoma City.



Chickasaw leadership student William Hickman, Sulphur, left, and Yolanda Mendoza work on the framework of Ms. Mendoza's home during the Habitat for Humanity build in March.

About the Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi Program...

Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi (Creating Chickasaw Leaders) is a leadership-training program for Chickasaw students ages 14-18.

Beginning in September, the group meets one Saturday a month and covers a wide variety of topics including leadership, small business, ethics, etiquette and cultural. Tours of the Oklahoma State Capitol and visits with state officials and other trips are planned for the group.

Applications are accepted

year-round.

For more information about the Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi pro-

gram, contact Mr. Josh Bess, youth leadership coordinator at (580) 310-6620.

About Central Oklahoma Habitat for Humanity

Central Oklahoma Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit, Christian housing ministry working in partnership with God and the community to build simple, decent, affordable housing, and to provide hope for responsible, hard-working,

limited income families living in substandard conditions. Central Oklahoma Habitat will serve more than 100 families this year by creating and preserving home ownership in the central Oklahoma.

BIRTHS



Shea Marie Wynema Hitt

Shea Marie Wynema Hitt was born Nov. 4, 2010 at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center, Ada, Okla. She weighed 9 lbs., 7 oz., and measured 21 inches at birth.

She is the daughter of Corey and Rainey Hitt, of Thacker-ville, Okla.

She is the granddaughter of Janice (Wynema) Batson and the late Jerry "Joe" Batson, of Sanger, Texas and Cheryl Hitt and Mark Holley, of Thacker-ville, Okla.

She is the great-granddaughter of Roy and Virginia Batson, of Davis, Okla., and Charles Thompson and the late Othell Thompson, of Thacker-ville.

Proud aunts and uncles are Jera Batson, Tiffany Dickens, Cassie Batson, Nate McCoy and Brock Batson.

Great-aunts and uncles are Kenneth Batson, of Davis, Paul and Linda Huckabaa, of Choc-taw, Okla., Jason and Christy Amis and Ricky and Danna Clifton, of Marietta, Okla.



Janayah Rashaee Tidora Shanklin

Janayah Rashaee Tidora Shanklin was born Nov. 23, 2010 at 9:25 a.m. She weighed 5 lbs., 3 oz., and measured 18 1/2 inches at birth.

The proud parents are Tai-wani and Georgette Shanklin, of Ardmore, Okla.

She is the granddaughter of Lupe and Jan Carrillo, of Ardmore.



Neely Alexis Wood

Neely Alexis Wood turned 12 years old Feb. 27, 2011. She had an OU Sooners birthday party at her home and then went to Norman, Okla., with 24 of her family and friends to watch the OU Sooners Women's basketball team play against Baylor. Neely was recognized on the OU scoreboard for her 12th birthday.

Neely attends the sixth grade at Tishomingo (OK) Middle School where she has made the Chickasaw Perfect Attendance and Tishomingo Honor Roll. She is active with the Tish Boys & Girls Club, Upward Basketball and summer league softball. She loves playing basketball and golf, pitching softball, cheerleading and going to the lake.

She is the daughter of Patricia Wood of Tishomingo and has a big sister who attends OU, Kayla Jo Wood.

Her grandparents are Larry and Eugenia Wood, of Tishomingo, Phyllis Seymore, of Bethany, Okla., and the late Joe Plumley.

Hope you had a Happy 12th Birthday Neely!

We Love You So Much!



Pearlina Juanita Welch

Pearlina Juanita (Courtney) Welch celebrated her 88th birthday Feb. 9, 2011.

She is a full blood Chickasaw

and her parents, the late Willie Brooks Courtney and Laura D. Colbert, were original enrollees. She was raised by her mother and two uncles Abajah and Richard Colbert in Ada, Okla. Her great great grandfather was Winchester Colbert. She comes from a large family of 13.

She was married at 18 and has six children - Pearleta Sue, Lois, Sonny, Lee, Earl and Donnie. Two of her children live in Duncan, Okla. and four live in California. She loves her family and is a wonderful mother, always there for her family and friends. She is a Christian and studies her Bible regularly.

Pearline is musically talented, just like her father, and can play any instrument she picks up. She had her own band and played bass guitar sang with her two brothers. She used to be called "Little Pearl" during her band days.

She put herself through nursing school and became a very good nurse. People loved her for her caring nature.

A stroke in May 1995 left her crippled on her right side and with a speech problem. But that didn't stop her and she does everything with her left hand. She is a strong willed lady and an inspiration.

She gets a lot of hugs and kisses from her relatives and friends at the Ada Senior Center.

She has 23 grandchildren, 32 great grandchildren and 26 great great grandchildren.

Her family would like to thank you all for the love and kindness you show her.

Thank you and God bless all.

Complete the Customer Service Survey and win!

Chickasaw citizens who complete a tribal customer service survey can win \$100.

Chickasaws can access the Customer Service Survey through the tribal website at www.chickasaw.net. The survey seeks input from citizens regarding tribal programs, services and customer service.

After completing the survey, enter the giveaway. The \$100 will be given away each quarter. Winners will be announced in the *Chickasaw Times*.

BIRTHDAYS



Ellen Goforth Green with her grandchildren, from left, JJ Stewart, Kayci Glover, Allie Glover, CJ Stewart and Jodi Glover.

Ellen Goforth Green turned 70 March 6, 2010. She and her twin sister, Helen, are the youngest of 10 children born to Celia and Andrew Goforth.

Mrs. Green is very active at 70. She works, enjoys walking

and watching her grandkids ballgames.

Helping her celebrate her birthday at her daughter's home were her children and grandchildren.

Happy 70th! We love you!

Rachel Scott named Little Miss Indian OKC



Rachel Scott

Chickasaw first-grader Rachel Scott has recently been crowned 2011 Little Miss Indian Oklahoma City.

Rachel wore a traditional Chickasaw dress for the competition. She performed a tribal greeting in the Chickasaw language.

Rachel chose purple as her dress color to honor her grandmother, the late Ruby Scott, a Chickasaw citizen and employee.

Rachel attends Little Axe Elementary School.

Her parents are Bryce and Cindy Scott, of Moore, Okla. Her grandparents are Chester and the late Ruby Scott, and Lottman and Mary Bender.

Chickasaw West Gathering set for June 4 in California

SANTEE LAKES, Calif. - The Annual Chickasaw Gathering sponsored by Chickasaw West is set for Saturday, June 4 at Santee Lakes.

The gathering will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Picnic Area D.

Everyone is welcome and attendees are asked to bring a dish to share. Hamburgers, hot dogs and beverages will be provided and served at noon.

A covered area is available in the event of rain. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn

chairs. Fishing, paddleboat and canoe rentals are available.

Several members of the Chickasaw legislature normally attend this event.

Santee Lakes is in the San Diego area and is within one hour of a number of area attractions. If you wish to call ahead for fishing, camping and RV information, the Santee Lakes number is (619) 596-3141.

For directions, you may call Santee Lakes or Sharon Tandy at (818) 985-8392.

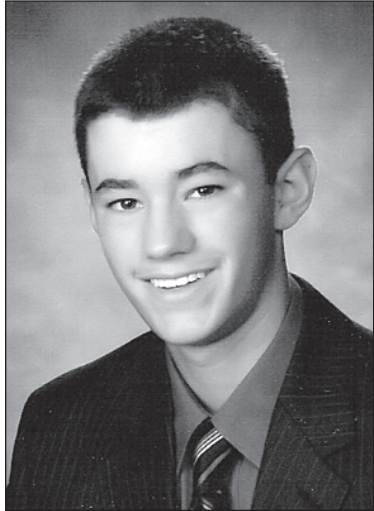
Help us update our military list!

The Chickasaw Nation is updating the military database for those on active duty and stationed away from home.

If you know of a Chickasaw in the service whom you would

like to add to the list or update their address, please contact Joy Barrick in the Public Affairs Department at (580) 310-6451 or email joy.barrick@chickasaw.net.

CHICKASAW STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



Brandon Tolbert

Chickasaw freshman named to honor rolls

A Chickasaw university freshman is producing excellent academic work.

Brandon Tolbert, a University of Oklahoma freshman from McKinney, Texas, is majoring in petroleum engineering. For the fall semester, Mr. Tolbert maintained a 4.0 grade point average and was named to the President's Honor Roll and the University College Dean's Honor Roll.

Mr. Tolbert is a 2010 graduate of McKinney High School.

His parents are Don and Pam Tolbert, of McKinney. His grandparents are E.J. and Pauline Tolbert, of Tishomingo, Okla., and Sadie Hearrell, of Mill Creek, Okla.



Cameron Carrillo

Cameron Carrillo recognized for artwork by PTA group

A Chickasaw elementary school student has been recognized for her artwork.

Cameron Carrillo is an honor student at Armand Bayou Elementary School in Houston, Texas. She was recently recognized for her participation in the National PTA Reflections program.

Cameron's artwork was also displayed at the Sixth Annual Reflections Reception in League City, Texas in March.

Cameron is the daughter of Lupe and Valerie Carrillo, of Houston. She is the granddaughter of Lupe and Jan Carrillo, of Ardmore, Okla., and Gilbert and Ida Tabares, of Midland, Texas.



Roslyn Godwin

Chickasaw junior on track for bachelor's

A Chickasaw college student is advancing toward her bachelor's degree with solid academic performance.

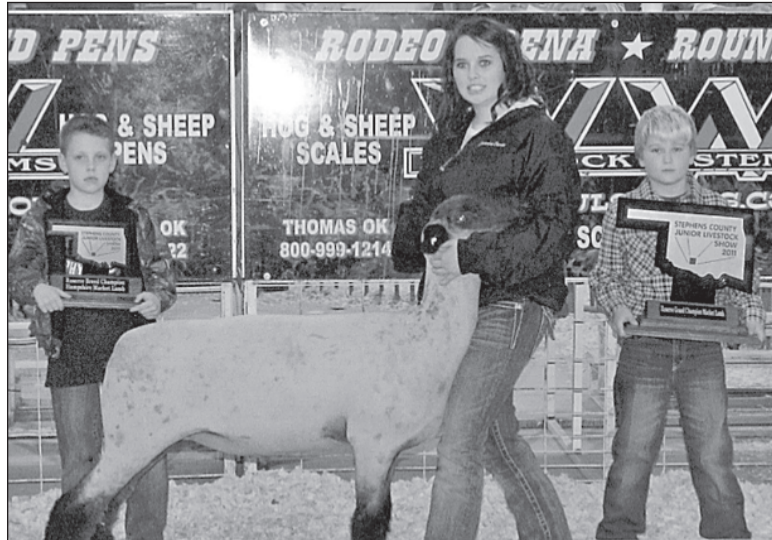
Roslyn Godwin, of Ardmore, Okla., is majoring in criminal justice at the University of Phoenix. She has maintained a 3.93 grade point average.

Miss Godwin has received a Chickasaw Higher Education scholarship and the E.E. Booker scholarship.

She plans to attend the University of Oklahoma School of Law following her 2012 graduation. Miss Godwin is one of seven siblings, and will be the first to achieve her bachelor's degree.

She is the daughter of Verda B. McGee, of Ardmore.

Chickasaw girl shows Reserve Grand Market Lamb At Jr. Livestock Show



Cherokee Davies with her Stephens County Jr. Livestock Show Reserve Grand Market Lamb.

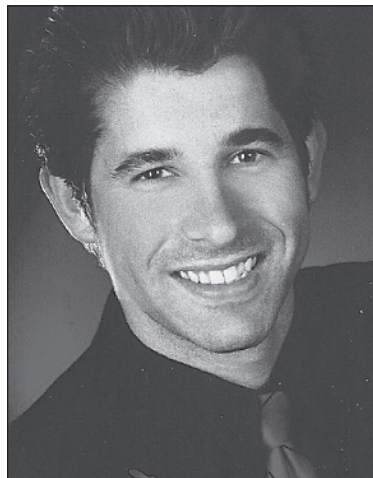
Chickasaw student Cherokee Davies recently won Reserve Grand Market Lamb at the 2011 Stephens County, Jr. Livestock Show, with her Hampshire lamb, Lane. She also won first and breed champion with her cross breed lamb, Tough.

Cherokee has shown pigs for four years, but decided this year to give lambs a try.

Cherokee is the daughter of David and Lorri Davies, of Marlow, Okla. She is a junior at Marlow High School and is an active member of Marlow FFA and Marlow High School cheerleaders.

Cherokee is also a proud member of the Chickasaw Nation.

Chickasaw Eastern medicine student interns at Disney Cancer Center



Christopher Ruth

dent at Emperor's College of Traditional Oriental Medicine in Santa Monica, Calif. The college teaches traditional Eastern medical techniques including acupuncture and acupressure.

Mr. Ruth interned at Providence St. Joseph Medical Center's Integrative Medicine Department in Burbank, Calif. The department is home to the Roy and Patricia Disney Family Cancer Center.

During his internship, Mr. Ruth combined elements from both Eastern and Western medicine.

"I always knew I wanted to be somewhere with Western healing in addition to acupuncture," he said.

Patients at the cancer cen-

ter are typically treated with strictly Western methods, including radiation and chemotherapy. With the Eastern discipline interns, the patients could access therapies including acupuncture, acupressure, qi gong, taichi, yoga reiki and other alternative treatments.

"It's great to use these practices to compliment the treatment patients are already receiving and we can make sure it doesn't interfere with their normal course of treatment," Integrative Medicine Department director Dr. Lisa Schwartz.

Mr. Ruth will gain his Eastern medicine certification in August.

Chickasaw NCO on active duty in Afghanistan; returns to States this month



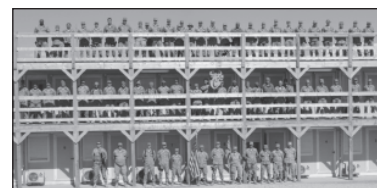
Sgt. Bryan Webb with his son Brayden and brothers Jeremy and Nathan before his deployment.

Staff Sgt. Bryan Webb, USAF, a Chickasaw, has been on active duty in Afghanistan with the 577th Expeditionary

Squadron.

The squadron is a civil engineering group.

Sgt. Webb completed much



Sgt. Bryan Webb and fellow members of the 577th Expeditionary Squadron in Bagram, Afghanistan. The men are standing in front of new living quarters they built at the base. The 577th is a civil engineering group.

of the electrical and carpentry work on the new living quarters the group built on the base at Bagram, Afghanistan.

Sgt. Webb also spent plenty

of time at forward operating bases to complete projects.

Sgt. Webb and his wife, Courtne, have a three-year-old son, Brayden. The family makes its home in Arlington, Texas.

Sgt. Webb is a 2000 graduate of Tishomingo (OK) High School. He is the son of Susan Webb and Anthony Webb and the grandson of Gloria Webb and Dr. F.E. and Pat Webb, all of Tishomingo.

His father- and mother-in-law are Rusty and Carrie Boden, of Arlington.

Chickasaw hunter acknowledged as 'the expert' on coon hunting

FITSTOWN, Okla. - In the world of raccoon hunting, Chickasaw citizen Carl "Marty" Ross is known as the "go-to guy" when it comes to training coon hounds and winning hunts. He has an innate knowledge of and passion for the sport.

Enthusiasts seek him when they need a dog trained or need tips for a successful hunt.

The plethora of trophies and ribbons displayed in a bedroom of the family home is just a fraction of the recognition Mr. Ross has received throughout the years.

"Coon hunting has always been such a big factor in my life," he said.

Mr. Ross is a shop and equipment manager for Chickasaw Farms in Davis, Okla.

Coon Hunting in the 21st Century

Raccoon hunting occurs primarily during warm nights with hunters and dogs, usually different breeds of coonhounds. The dogs track the raccoon until it seeks refuge, usually in a tree. Hunters monitor the dogs' bark and determine the hunt's progress.

The dynamics of the sport have changed significantly in the past 10 years. GPS devices are now common on a hunt, as are lights that burn all night, which replaced carbide lights.

"It has changed for the better," Mr. Ross said. "It is a lot easier to keep track of dogs."

In competitive hunts, hunters gather, draw for pairings with fellow hunters, and travel to designated locations for separate hunts with a judge. Winners are determined by a point system that measures the speed and accuracy of a coonhound's ability to tree a raccoon.

"We tree them and let them go," Mr. Ross said. "I just hunt for fun."

He credits his knack for coon hunting to his Chickasaw and family heritage, and old-fashioned practice.

His grandfather, Bud Ross, who was also a proud Chickasaw, introduced him to the sport at the age of 4.

"He was in his 70s and he had to carry me sometimes when we were hunting," Mr. Ross said.

He also hunted with his father and cousins when he was a small boy growing up in

southeastern Pontotoc County.

Spoils of the hunt also helped provide essentials while he was growing up.

"I made money for school clothes one year by selling coon hides," he said.

Today, Mr. Ross is passing on the hunting tradition to his 5-year-old daughter, Faith, and as many young people as he can.

"I help the kids get started," he said. "I give them a dog or boots or whatever they need and take them hunting. It keeps them out of trouble and it keeps me 'in tune' and focused."

Mr. Ross is also "in tune" with coon dogs.

"I listen to the dogs, and I can tell what they are doing," he said. "I think it's because I have been hunting since I was little and when I get out in the woods, I am in their element."

People all over the country believe in his abilities so much, they ship their dogs to the Mr. Ross' "boot camp for dogs" so the accomplished hunter can train them.

"Dogs are like people, they all require different methods of training," he said.

There have been up to 18 dogs at once visiting the Ross property, which is located near Fittstown.

"For about three years it was unreal how many dogs were here at the house," said Mr. Ross' wife Sondra.

Out of the hundreds of dogs Mr. Ross has owned, trained and hunted, one stands above the rest.

Her name is "Mama."

An English Coonhound, "Mama" is more like a part of the family and she is a one-person dog.

"She will only hunt for Marty," Mrs. Ross said.

Word of her success has spread. Every time she has a litter, the pups are quickly spoken for by other hunters.

"Mama" is currently in Ponca City preparing for a world hunt, later this year. The world hunt will be her last hunt before she retires.

Ross has already won numerous state and regional hunting awards, and after taking about a year off from hunting, recently, he didn't miss a beat, winning a "Battle of the Breeds" hunt.

"Everyone who knows me, knows I hunt hard, they see the difference."

The Right Path

Training dogs to be on the right path during the hunt has helped Ross stay on the right path, too.

After a few brushes with the law, he is now grateful to be working with his tribe and giving back to its citizens.

"I have been blessed since I went to work for the Chickasaw Nation and the Chickasaw Nation has changed my life."

He also credits his success to many generous people associated with the sport of coon hunting such as Dan Hoffman and Roy and Teresa Ingram. As a way to "pay it forward" he is mentoring several young people to coon hunt.

"I want to encourage the youth to get involved in coon hunting. It is a good, clean sport with rules such as no drugs, no alcohol and no cussing."

"I want the younger people to prosper and I want to keep the sport alive and keep the youth involved."

CONTRIBUTED BY Dana Lance, tribal media relations.



Chickasaw citizen Carl "Marty" Ross with a few of the trophies he has earned in local, state and regional competitive coon hunts.

NEWS FROM CHICKASAW PRINCESS



Sesiley Robertson
Chickasaw Princess

Chukma!

Saholhchifoat Sesiley Robertson. I am the 17-year-old daughter of Clarice Culberson and a junior at Sulphur High School in Sulphur, Okla.

First of all, I am very honored to be the Chickasaw Nation's 2010-2011 Chickasaw

Princess. I am learning new things everywhere we go.

As the Chickasaw Princess, I have learned many new things. I have learned the Lord's Prayer in sign language, attended an etiquette class and we will start our history trainings soon.

We attended the 2010 Creativity World Forum in OKC, Completing the Circle event in Shawnee, children's events in Oklahoma City, Ardmore, Tishomingo, Ada along with a few banquets and conferences throughout Oklahoma to share a small number of the events we have been a part of so far.

Most places are very neat. There are many responsibilities and opportunities as a princess of the Chickasaw Nation. At the same time, it is very fun!

I have become so close to the other two princesses: Little Miss Chickasaw- Maegan Carney and Junior Chickasaw Prin-

cess -Taloa Underwood. We enjoy attending events, traveling together, performing the Lord's prayer in sign language, meeting and greeting people. I like being with the girls and working together!

With the help and support of our wonderful coordinator, Mary Hartley, we will be going to New Mexico in April for the Gathering of Nations. Our travels have just begun. We are very excited and ready to hold our heads high and represent our tribe!

As we travel and represent together, the biggest responsibility and most important thing to me is that I am a good, hard working big sister and role-model to the other princesses! Not only to them but to the citizens and you! Yakoke.

Your Chickasaw Princess,
Sesiley Robertson

February 2011 Outstanding Achievement Award recipients

Tori Prince

Tori, daughter of Stephen and Kyla Prince, of Roff, Okla., is a February 2011 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Academic Achievement.



Tori Prince

Tori is in the third grade at Roff Elementary School and was nominated by third grade teacher Tara Burns.

"Tori's academic ability and positive attitude make her a stand-out student," said Ms. Burns.

Tori enjoys reading because she likes to learn new words.

"My future goal is to become a veterinarian," said Tori.

Austin Palmer

Austin, son of Michael Palm-

er and Miranda Byers, of Ada, Okla., is a February 2011 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Academic Achievement.



Austin Palmer

Austin is in the third grade at Latta Elementary School and was nominated by third grade teacher Kathy Brendle.

"Austin enters the classroom each day with a smile on his face and a light in his eyes," said Ms. Brendle. "His hard work and dedication to detail has earned him a spot on the Latta Superintendent's Honor Roll."

Austin enjoys riding horses, fishing and playing video games.

"My future goals are to attend college to become a paleontologist," said Austin.

Ashlee Culberson

Ashlee, daughter of Lola and Lee Culberson, of Ada, Okla., is a February 2011 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA).



Ashlee Culberson

Ashlee is a senior at Latta High School and was nominated by marketing teacher Stacy Oakley.

"Ashlee takes pride in her work and is constantly volunteering for other assignments" said Ms. Oakley. "She is one of the best retail clerks in our school's store."

Ashlee enjoys texting, hanging out with friends and volunteering.

Ashlee has completed 48 hours of volunteer work over the past two years.

"After graduation I plan on attending East Central University and majoring in Criminal Justice," said Ashlee.

Dixie Taylor

Dixie, daughter of Todd and Gina Taylor, of Bullard, Texas, is a February 2011 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for FFA.



Dixie Taylor

Dixie is a sophomore at Bullard High School and was nominated by high school principal Scott Franks.

"Dixie exhibits

a high degree of integrity and trustworthiness," said Mr. Franks. "She is a positive role model for all students."

Dixie shows pigs through the Texas Junior Livestock Association and her local FFA chapter.

Dixie's greatest achievements showing pigs are Reserve Breed Champion Cross Swine 2010 San Antonio Livestock Show and Overall Showmanship Champion at the 2009 Belt Buckle Bonanza sponsored by the Texas Junior Livestock Association.

Dixie's grandparents have instilled in her a strong sense of pride for her Chickasaw heritage.

"After high school, I would like to go to college and become an English teacher," said Dixie.

Lindsay Public Schools recognized for outstanding Johnson-O'Malley Program



Lindsay staff members accept exemplary school award. Back row from left, Jody Fletcher, Kim Williams, Gail Ince, Malea Ince and Rick Smith. Front row from left, Kay Holt, Monica Kleinsasser, Terri Davis and Stacy Hall.

Mike McKee

CATOOSA, Okla. - The February Johnson-O'Malley Awards Banquet recognized Oklahoma schools that have exceptional Johnson-O'Malley programs. The Chickasaw, Choctaw, Cherokee and Muscogee (Creek) Nations presented awards to schools in their respective areas.

Lindsay Public Schools received the Johnson-O'Malley Exemplary Program award by the Chickasaw Nation. Robert Pickens, tribal Office of Sup-

portive Programs manager, presented the award to Lindsay school representatives.

"We chose Lindsay for the award because they coordinate many cultural activities for their students, they have unique computer-delivered tutoring and always try to get parents involved with the Johnson-O'Malley Program," Pickens said.

Lindsay was chosen from among 54 schools that have Johnson-O'Malley Programs

within the Chickasaw Nation. The Johnson-O'Malley Program is federally-funded and provides supplementary educational and cultural programs for Native American student

For more information about the Johnson-O'Malley Program, contact robert.pickens@chickasaw.net or visit www.chickasaweducationservices.com.

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Summer scholarship and grant applications due June 15

The Chickasaw Nation Higher Education summer scholarship and grant application deadline is June 15. Completed applications are due by that day to the tribal Education Services Department.

Scholarships and grants are available to all Chickasaw students living within or outside Chickasaw Nation boundaries. Students must be Chickasaw

and possess a Chickasaw citizenship card.

For more information and to obtain required scholarship and grant applications, contact the education services department at (580) 421-7711, deborah.hook@chickasaw.net or visit www.Chickasaw.net.

CONTRIBUTED BY Sabrina Johnson, Public Affairs

'Two Indians Talking' explores family differences

Holba' Kana'li Film Series will feature "Two Indians Talking" 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., Thursday, April 28 at the McSwain Theatre in Ada.

Directed by Sara McIntyre and written by Andrew Genaille, "Two Indians Talking" is a comedic drama about the conflicting opinions of two First Nations men, Nathan (Nathaniel Arcand) and Adam (Justin Rain), as they prepare to set up a highway roadblock to protest a race-related incident.

Aside from blood ties, the men could hardly be more different. The university-educated Adam believes that knowledge and clear thinking are the keys to bettering his situation. Nathan, who has spent his whole

life on the reservation, sees Adam's ambition as foolish at best, and at worst, as abandoning his Native roots.

On the eve of their nation's roadblock, the cousins prepare for the impending battle in an empty community center that they paint with heartfelt conversation and humorous debate about life, culture, women, literature, dreams, politics, education, poverty, and about hope for the future.

"Two Indians Talking" is appropriate for viewers age 13 and older. Tickets are \$3 for both showings.

For more information, contact James Wallace at (580) 272-5520.

CONTRIBUTED BY Carrie Buckley, tribal media relations.



Chickasaw robotics team among 52 in tourney

Metal Mayhem reaches finals in Oklahoma regional tournament

OKLAHOMA CITY – Chickasaw Nation robotics team Metal Mayhem made it to the finals at the FIRST Robotics Oklahoma Regional, March 17-19 at the Cox Convention Center in Oklahoma City.

“Our team did a wonderful job and I am very proud of them,” said tribal Science, Technology and Math program manager Sara Willie. “They worked hard and supported each other as a true team. I cannot ask for a better group of students.”

The theme for the competition was “LOGO Motion.” The teams’ objective was to make their robots hang as many triangle, circle and square pieces on a wall with pegs of different heights in the time allowed. Points were given for each shape hung by the robots.

The robots could also deploy “mini-bots” to receive additional points.

A total of 52 teams from across the state participated in the Oklahoma regional competition. Metal Mayhem took part in the practice rounds with its robot on Thursday and competed on Friday and Saturday. Metal Mayhem will have its next chance to compete on April 6-10 at the Colorado regional in Denver.

This year’s Metal Mayhem team members are Billy Bonner, Malachi Brown, Lorenzo Charqueno, Kaylen Donelson, Melissa Ellis, Justin Frazier, John-Luke Garber, Andrea Gourley, Sean Jesse, Latisha Miller, Kagan St.Clair-Shelton, Jessica Sanchez, Shane Sellers, Steffani Silva, Michael Stick, Michael Thomas, Josh Tingle,

Clay Warren, Meagan Wright and Nathan Wright.

Metal Mayhem was developed to inspire young people to be science and technology leaders by engaging them in exciting mentor-based programs. Through the FIRST Robotics program, students gain engineering and technology skills, inspire innovation and develop self-confidence, communication and leadership skills.

FIRST Robotics is known as “a varsity sport for the mind.”

For more information about the Metal Mayhem team, contact the science, technology and math program manager Sara Willie at (580) 421-7711.

CONTRIBUTED BY Sabrina Johnson, Public Affairs



Veteran Metal Mayhem members Billy Bonner, left, a sophomore from Latta and Nathan Wright, a senior from Ada, work on their robot between competition rounds.

Chickasaw author chronicles Vietnam experiences in ‘Vietnam Stories’

War stories from Vietnam are often few and far between. The conflict left an emotionally-charged mark on the nation’s history and is often a subject that isn’t readily talked about—especially by those who experienced its horrors first hand.

Chickasaw author and Vietnam veteran Ted Pannell doesn’t skirt around the harrowing nature of the war; the jacket of “Vietnam Stories: Dreams to Nightmares” reads boldly “To say, ‘War is hell,’ is an understatement...war is hor-

rifying.”

From the optimism of boot camp to grisly scenes from the battlefield, Mr. Pannell’s story chronicles the range of emotions he felt as a Vietnam soldier. He describes the ups and downs of his experience where a miracle happens one second and “the ghastly work of the devil” the next.

Mr. Pannell also offers a glimpse into the war’s aftermath of an unwelcome homecoming, the struggle of post-traumatic stress disorder and

the search for peace many soldiers experience when they return.

The novel began as a few short stories and slowly grew into a 167-page publication. As one would imagine, rehashing such experiences took its toll on the author.

“When I was putting the book together, I started having nightmares again,” he said. “It’s like total recall—this stuff never goes away.”

But in the end, Mr. Pannell found putting his memoirs on

paper to be therapeutic.

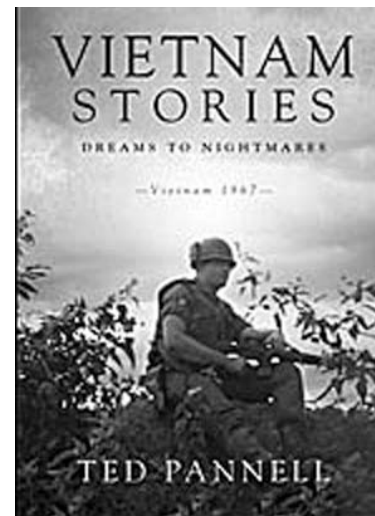
“I’m glad I did it,” he said. “I’m most proud that my story seems to have touched a nerve with other veterans and seems to be helping them.”

“Vietnam Stories: Dreams to Nightmares” has not only made an impact on veterans, but has also been helpful to their families and loved ones.

“I’ve received several comments from veterans’ wives whose husbands would never talk about the war, he said.

“They said that my stories have opened their eyes and helped them understand the effect that the war has had on their loved ones.”

Published by Tate Publishing and Enterprises, the book is available in both print and electronic format. It can be purchased in bookstores nationwide or by visiting www.tatepublishing.com, www.amazon.com and www.barnesandnoble.com.



Mr. Pannell was raised in Modesto, California, and now resides in Palm Desert, Calif., with his wife, Sylvia.

CONTRIBUTED BY Carrie Buckley, tribal media relations.

Chickasaw Nation Johnson-O’Malley announces art contest winners



First, second and third place winners, from left, are Alyssa Saez, Gabriella Burks and Shannon Lane.



Addison Manning placed fourth in the art competition.



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The 2011 Chickasaw Nation Camps Guide



April, May Application Deadlines

Mark Your Calendars for 2011 Camps and Academies



The Chickasaw Nation is preparing for an exciting summer of camps, clinics and academies. Many tribal divisions work together to provide a variety of educational activities for youth to explore new opportunities and learn new skills. Many camps and academies have application deadlines approaching soon, with many in April and May.

Planned Chickasaw Nation summer 2011 youth camps and clinics and deadlines include:

Kid Play/Parent Caddy Golf Tournament Lakeview Golf Course, Ardmore, Okla.

May 21

Registration on site begins at 12:30 p.m.

Golfers tee off at 1 p.m.

Tournament open for Chickasaw golfers ages 8-18 (senior in high school).

\$15 green fee required

A junior tournament open to Chickasaw students ages 8 to 18, this event helps golfers learn about tournament play as they spend the day on the golf course with a family member, who serves as their caddy. Caddies must be 16 or older. Due to junior tournament regulations, golfers and caddies will walk the course. Prizes will be awarded by age category: 10 and under, 11-14, and 15 and older.

A \$15 fee covers green fee, a drink, and range balls and is payable the day of the event. Additional information is available online at www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps or contact the department of youth services at (580) 310-6620.

Environmental Camp

Ada, Okla.

May 24-27

Application deadline April 12

Open to Chickasaw students ages 8-12.

Be enlightened about the world during Environmental Camp, hosted by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing and Tribal Development.

Students, ages 8 to 12, get a behind-the-scenes look at many facilities that go unseen by the typical citizen and learn on-going conservation efforts. Trip to the Oklahoma Science Museum and the National Weather Center at the University of Oklahoma are planned. This is a day camp. Additional information is available online at www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps or contact the division of housing and tribal development at (580) 272-5456.

Camp Survivor

YMCA Camp Classen, near Davis, Okla.

May 30-June 3

Application deadline April 12

Open to Chickasaw students ages 9-16

Camp Survivor is designed to promote a healthy lifestyle through proper nutrition and exercise in a fun and positive camp atmosphere. Campers can expect to experience a variety of activities such as swimming, horseback riding, climbing wall, canoeing, fishing, hiking and stickball. There will be tribal councils, team building activities and competitions. This is an overnight camp. For more information, contact Allen Elliott at (580) 310-7981, ext. 83261 or email allen.elliott@chickasaw.net or log on to www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Golf Camp

WinStar Golf Course, Thackerville, Okla.

Beginner and Intermediate Camp- June 6-7

Advanced June 8-9

Application deadline May 13

Each camp is open to Chickasaw students ages 8-18

Along with an introduction to the game of golf, Chickasaw youth will learn lessons in honor, integrity and sportsmanship. Instruction for all skill levels is provided with a highly knowledgeable and motivated staff. Golf Camp is an overnight camp. Students should apply for the camp which represents their level of play. Golf Camp is supported by the United States Golf Association, the Professional Golfers Association of Central Oklahoma, the Chickasaw Nation and Chickasaw Foundation. For more information contact the department of youth services at (580) 310-6620 or online at www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Native American Junior Open

Lakeview Golf Course, Ardmore, Okla.

June 10

Registration and tee times to be determined

\$20 registration fee required

Open to Native American youth ages 8-18

The Native American Junior Open also is a qualifying tournament which allows youth to experience a tournament atmosphere without the pressures of a school or association tournament. It also is a qualifying tournament for Chickasaw youth ages 12-18 for Team Chickasaw. Team Chickasaw will participate in various tournaments throughout the year. The \$20 registration fee covers the cost of green fees, lunch and range balls. Pre-registration is not available. For more information contact the department of youth services at (580) 310-6620 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Chickasaw Nation Space and Aviation Camp

(CNASA)

Ada, Okla.

June 12-17

Application deadline April 15

Open to Chickasaw students from fifth grade to high school seniors

Chickasaw Nation Space and Aviation Camp (CNASA) is a learning program designed to encourage Chickasaw students interested in aviation, space, science or math to pursue careers and opportunities in their fields. Students spend the week flying in simulators, learning through hands-on demonstrations, and have a chance to fly in a real plane. CNASA is day camp, and a limited number of scholarships are available. If applying for a scholarship, complete a CNASA application postmarked by the deadline date. A copy of the participant's Chickasaw Nation citizenship card or certificate is required; a Certificate Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) will not be accepted. For more information, contact Sara Willie at (580) 272-5579 or at sara.willie@chickasaw.net.

Tennis Clinic

Ada Tennis Center, Ada, Okla.

Session I - June 13-16, 8 a.m. to noon, ages 8-11

Sessions II - June 27-30, 8 a.m. to noon, ages 12-18

Application deadline May 13

The goal of these clinics is to provide Chickasaw youth the opportunity to learn the sport of tennis, which can be played for a lifetime. Two tennis clinics are offered, a beginner, and an intermediate.

Both sessions are open to Chickasaw youth ages 8-18. In either clinic, the participants will learn honor, integrity, sportsmanship and teamwork. Campers may only apply for one session.

For more information contact the department of youth services at (580) 310-6620 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Entrepreneurship Academy

Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant, Okla.



2011 Camps and Academies

June 19-24

Application deadline May 20

Open to Chickasaw students grades 10- 12

For Chickasaw students who have an interest in business; the academy is a partnership between Southeastern Oklahoma State University's John Massey School of Business and the Chickasaw Nation. Students will work in teams to plan, promote and produce a table-top business as well as simulate a virtual business. Upon completion of the academy, students graduate with a completed business plan and the tools and knowledge to write future business plans. The weeklong academy is conducted on the campus of SOSU in Durant, Okla. with the students staying at the Chickasaw Nation Children's Village in Kingston, Okla. Preference is given to senior graduates. For more information, contact Callie Roebuck at the Chickasaw Nation Honor Club office at (580) 421-7711 or at callie.roebuck@chickasaw.net.

**Chickasaw Language Immersion Family Camp
Tatanka Ranch, Stroud, Okla.**

June 19-24

Application deadline May 19

Open to Chickasaw families

This overnight camp is designed to promote the use of the Chickasaw language within Chickasaw families. Camp activities include kayaking, canoeing, swimming, fishing, gardening and other activities with primary instruction being through Chickasaw language. This is an overnight camp and participants must have transportation to and from camp. For more information or an application, contact Rachel Wedlow, Language Outreach Coordinator, at (580) 272-5540 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps

**Fellowship of Christian Athletes XTreme Camp
Cross Point Camp, Kingston, Okla.**

June 19-23

Application deadline is May 13

Sponsorship for Chickasaw students ages 15-18

This overnight camp is for young men and women who want to enjoy a week full of challenging activities, great fellowship and awesome assemblies. Campers will have the opportunity to water ski, water tube, skeet shoot, rappel, ride horses, compete in a variety of huddle competitions, scale the 65-foot climbing tower and experience the high ropes challenge course. Campers will also enjoy outstanding speakers, great music, and challenging competitions. This camp emphasizes leadership, fun, personal growth and building great friendships. The Chickasaw Nation will sponsor the attendance of selected Chickasaw youth to participate in this camp. For more information, contact the department of youth services at (580) 310-6620 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Tanumpo Hosa Apisa (Marksmanship Camp)

Two separate one-day clinics

June 23-24

Application deadline May 13

Open to Chickasaw students ages 10-18.

Tanumpo Hosa Apisa "gun shoot straight" is designed to encourage participation in a long-term training program for young Chickasaw students wishing to excel in Olympic style rifle and pistol shooting or competitive archery using a compound bow. These clinics feature instruction on gun safety, marksmanship techniques and archery for a maximum of 50 students. These clinics will focus on the disciplines required for competition-style target shooting and consist of both classroom instruction and firing practice. The pistols and rifles used for these clinics are Olympic-style air guns. Instruction will be provided by certified instructors, Lighthorse officers, and local, nationally-trained coaches. For more information, contact the department of youth services at (580) 310-

6620 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

NASA Space Camp

Huntsville, Ala.

June 26-July 2

Application Deadline April 15

Open to Chickasaw students ages 9-18

This challenging week-long school is conducted at Huntsville, Ala., and designed for students to discover their engineering talent. Participants get hands-on training, as well as learn about the mental, emotional and physical demands astronauts must face. Fields of study include engineering, space technology and aerospace science. It is conducted at NASA Space Center in Huntsville, Ala. For more information, contact Sara Willie at (580) 272-5579 or at sara.willie@chickasaw.net.

Yakni Moma Alpha "Justice for a Nation" Court Camp

July 5-7, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Tribal Judicial Building, Ada, Okla.

Application deadline June 27

Open to Chickasaw students ages 10-16

A two-day clinic that educates students about the operations of the tribe's court system, this camp emphasizes leadership and personal growth. Students will also tour the Chickasaw museum and Capital building in Tishomingo to learn the history of the Chickasaw legal system. Students will be introduced to individuals who support the courts such as Lighthorse Police, judges, justices, Peacemakers and court clerks. Each student will also have a part in a mock trial.

For more information, contact Connie Tillery at (580) 235-0281 or email Connie.Tillery@chickasaw.net or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Champions Football Clinic

Ada High Football Complex, Ada, Okla.

July 7-9, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Application deadline May 13

Open to male Chickasaw students ages 8-18.

Led by veteran coach Ken Heupel, this clinic teaches the fundamentals of football, teamwork and leadership and features former University of Oklahoma quarterback Josh Heupel and other special guests. Highlights of the clinic include an 8-to-1 student to instructor ratio, offensive and defensive drills, flag football, and a competition where each student may select one guest to join them in the game. This is a day clinic. Participants must have transportation to and from the clinic. For more information contact the department of youth services at (580) 310-6620 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Champions Cheerleading Clinic

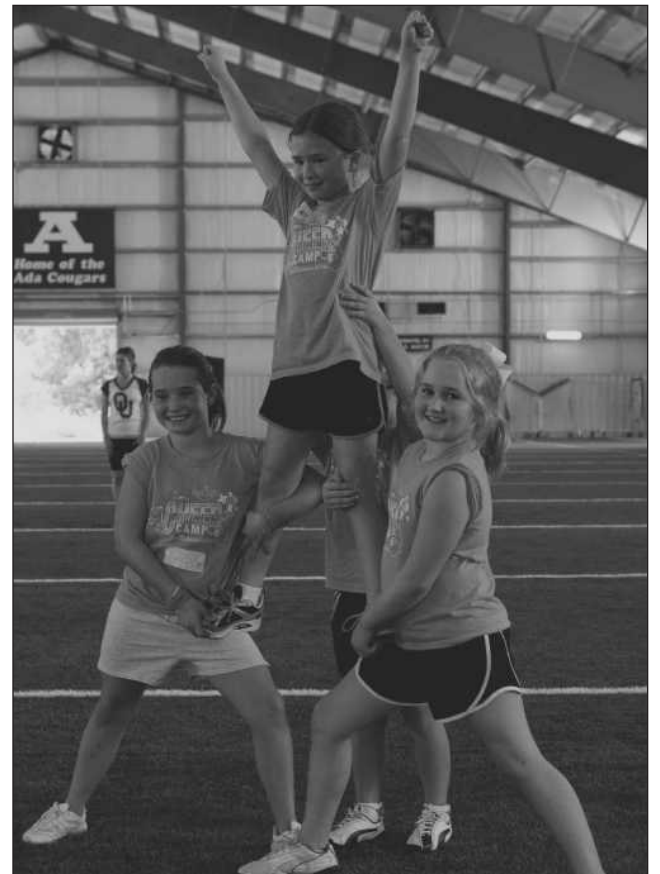
Chickasaw Nation Family Life Center, Ada, Okla.

July 8-9, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Application deadline May 13

Open to female Chickasaw students ages 8-14.

At this clinic, a team of Day of Champions cheerleading coaches will instruct female students on motion, jumps, spirit, rhythm, health and fitness. The experience will include mentoring in the areas of character, responsibility, goal setting, dedication, hard work and integrity. Cheerleaders will be able to enhance their abilities and learn basic cheerleading fundamental geared to their skill level. There will be a Saturday performance and each student may select one guest to join them for the performance. This is a day clinic. Participants must have transportation to and from the clinic. For more information, contact the department of youth services at (580) 310-6620 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.



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Chikasha Sayah (I Am Chickasaw)

July 11-13

Application deadline May 13

Chickasaw heritage and culture lessons are top priorities at this camp, which is open to Chickasaw students ages 10 to 14. Students also learn about their responsibility in caring for the environment. Swimming, boating and volleyball are also planned for this overnight camp. For more information, contact the department of youth services at (580) 310-6620 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps

Fellowship of Christian Athletes Competitors Camp

Camp Walk On Water, Stuart, Okla.

July 13-17

Application deadline is May 13

Sponsorship for Chickasaw students ages 11-14

This overnight camp combines the great facilities and activities of Camp WOW with the athleticism and competition that has defined the Fellowship of Christian Athletes ministry for more than 50 years. Campers will be assigned to a huddle led by a college athlete. Huddles will meet together to pray and play. Each day will feature athletic competitions in the water and on land along with teambuilding exercises. Activities will include the climbing wall; zip line (over land and water), the Blob, water slide, ropes course, obstacle course and much more. Bible devotions, upbeat music and topical discussions will also be a part of the day's activities. This camp focuses on fun, competition and personal growth. The Chickasaw Nation will sponsor the attendance of selected Chickasaw youth to participate in this camp. For more information, contact the department of youth services at (580) 310-6620 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Youth Basketball Clinics

July 14-16

Family Life Center Gym Ada, Okla.

And

Location to be determined in southern area of Chickasaw Nation

Application deadline May 13

The Basketball Clinics are open to Chickasaw girls and boys ages 8 to 14. Students have the opportunity to learn basketball techniques from current and former high school and university players and coaches during these half-day clinics. Students can attend only one clinic. If needed, transportation will be provided from Tishomingo to the Ada clinic or from Davis and Purcell to the southern area clinic. For more information, contact the department of youth services at (580) 310-6620 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy (CSAA)

July 18-30

East Central University, Ada, Okla.

Auditions:

Saturday, April 9

**University of Central Oklahoma, School of Music
100 N. University Drive, Edmond, Okla.**

Or Saturday, April 30

East Central University, Hallie Brown Ford Fine Arts Center

1100 E. 14th St., Ada, Okla.

Application deadline April 4

CSAA is a two-week academy that provides youth opportunities to gain experience in visual and vocal arts. Students ages 8 to 19 are eligible to audition for the academy.

Students ages 13 - 19 must schedule an audition time in order to be eligible for acceptance into CSAA.

All students ages 8 - 19 are invited to audition.

The following disciplines will be offered for older student: Composition, Dance, Vocal Music,

Theatre Performance, Theatre Tech, Photography, Visual Arts 2-D and 3-D, Video Production, Textile Design and Creative Writing disciplines are offered for older students. Younger students rotate through Visual Arts / 2-D and 3-D, Theatre, Dance, Creative Writing and Vocal Music classes. Chickasaw and other American Indian students receive scholarships to attend. Chickasaw preference is utilized. Non-Natives will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis at a nominal fee dependant on residential or non-residential status. These residential opportunities are for qualifying students who live outside the Ada area, ages 13 - 19.

For more information, and to receive an audition packet, contact the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520 or email csaa@chickasaw.net. Applications can be found at www.chickasaw.net.

Chickasaw Lighthouse Police Youth Academy Aug. 1-4

Lighthouse Police Headquarters, Ada, Okla.

Application deadline July 8

Open to Native American youth ages 13- 17.

The Chickasaw Lighthouse Police Youth Academy provides an excellent opportunity for Native American youth to explore a career in law enforcement. Students will hear from law enforcement personnel and will also learn life skills such as CPR, communication, safety and crime prevention.

Forty Native American youth will be selected. Chickasaw youth will be given first priority for the camp.

For an application and more information contact George Jesse, Assistant Chief of Police at (580) 436-1166 or at george.jesse@chickasaw.net or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Himitta Alhiha Hochokoshkomo "The Youth are Playing"

Chickasaw Language Sports Camp

Aug. 1-5

Various locations

Application deadline July 8

Open to Chickasaw youth grades 1-6.

Himitta Alhiha Hochokoshkomo is designed to promote the use of the Chickasaw language in an interactive, athletic environment. Sports included in the camp are To'li' (stickball), basketball, softball, volleyball, soccer, capture the flag and numerous other games and activities. Participants must have transportation to and from camp. Camp participation is limited to 30 campers per day. For an application and more information, contact Rachel Wedlow, Language Outreach Coordinator, at (580) 272-5540 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Hayaka Unta

Location to be determined

October 14-16

Open to Chickasaw students ages 8 - 14

Application deadline September 16

Overnight Camp

The goal of this camp is to give Chickasaw youth and their parent or guardian an opportunity to share quality time together while enjoying the natural beauty of the outdoors. The camp provides a safe, wholesome and enjoyable experience where relationships between youth and their parent or guardian can be strengthened while away from the everyday distractions of life. Some activities include fishing, skeet shooting, hiking, archery and much more. Camping is primitive style in a provided tent. A total of 20 students will be selected to attend this unique camp. Students may choose either a male or female parent or guardian to accompany them. From those applicants not selected to attend this camp, 20 more campers will be chosen to attend the Hayaka Unta Spring camp

at the same location in April 2012. For more information, contact department of youth services at (580) 310-6620.

Halloween Lock-In

Location to be determined.

October 28

Open to the first 100 qualified Chickasaw youth ages 9 to 15.

Application deadline September 30

This Halloween themed lock-in will allow students to participate in mini-bowling, Go-Karts, batting cages, mini-golf, climbing wall, bumper cars, bumper boats, arcade and lots of other fun activities. Each participant will have access to a pizza and soda buffet during the event. There will be door prize drawings throughout the event and a Best Halloween Costume Contest. Chickasaw youth will receive first priority. Students will not be allowed to leave the facility until doors open October 29. If needed, transportation will be provided from Tishomingo, Davis, Ardmore, Purcell and Ada. For more information, contact the department of youth services at (580) 310-6620. Applications are available at www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Application Information

All applicants must include a copy of the camper's Chickasaw citizenship card. Submitting the application does not guarantee selection to the camp.

For more information or obtain an application, contact the department of youth services at 580-310-6620. Return application to Youth Services, 231 Seabrook Road, Ada, OK 74820; or fax (580) 310-6626. Additional information is available online at www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps. Applications may be submitted by mail, fax or online.



CHICKASAW COMMUNITY COUNCILS and EVENTS

For a complete listing of Chickasaw Nation camps, academies and other events visit www.chickasaw.net

OKLAHOMA

ADA

Revenge of the Bulls
April 8-9 at the Agri-Plex in Ada beginning at 7 p.m.
Deanna Townsend (580) 421-7728

Stomp Dance

April 16 at Kullihoma
Leah Mull (580) 332-8685

CONNERVILLE

Connerville Chickasaw Community Council
Bi-Monthly, 3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Tony Poe, 580-421-4994

KINGSTON

Chickasaws of Texoma
Quarterly, 4th Thursday at 6:30 p.m.
Ruth McAdoo, 580-564-6803

Marshall County Chickasaw Community Council

Quarterly, 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Sarah Lea, 580-564-4570

KULLIHOMA

Chikasha Ittifama (Chickasaw Reunion)
May 20: 5-11:30 p.m.
May 21: 10 a.m.-2 a.m.
Terri Haney (580) 332-8685

NEWCASTLE

Northern Pontotoc Chickasaw Community Council
Bi-Monthly, 2nd Thursday at 6:30 p.m.
Todd Griffith, 405-615-1303

OKLAHOMA CITY

OKC Metro Chickasaw Community Council
1st Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
Linda O'Hagen, 405-350-3311 or 405-409-3556

PURCELL

Purcell Chickasaw Community Council
4th Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
John Hobbs, 405-922-3926

TISHOMINGO

Johnston County Chickasaw Community Council
Bi-monthly, 3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Ann Fink, 580-371-3351

ARIZONA

Chickasaws of Arizona
Quarterly Meetings
Angie Ott, 480-834-7309

CALIFORNIA

Inland Empire/Desert Cities Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly, 3rd Saturday 2:00 p.m.
Bill Chandler, 714-604-5224 or wchandler@socal.rr.com

Northern California Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Quarterly
Phil Reynolds, 916-988-8182

COLORADO

Chickasaw Community Council of Colorado
Quarterly, 2nd Saturday
Stephen Bingham, 303-377-4637

KANSAS

Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita
Quarterly, 3rd Sunday at 2:30 p.m.
Lynn Stumblingbear, 316-393-0696

LOUISIANA

Monroe Area Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Semi-Annually
Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165

MISSOURI

St. Louis Area Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Quarterly
Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165

NEW ENGLAND

New England Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Semi-Annually
Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165

NEW MEXICO

New Mexico Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly, 3rd Saturday
Chris Rodke, 505-450-4802

NORTH CAROLINA

Raleigh Area Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Semi-Annually
Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165

OREGON/WASHINGTON

Pacific Northwest Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly
Kim Factor, 503-819-3097 or Rena Smith, 503-543-7401

TEXAS

Chickasaw Community Council of Central Texas
2nd Sunday at 1:30 p.m.
Gene Thompson, 512-258-7919 or 512-517-4404

Chickasaw Community Council of South Texas
Monthly, 2nd Sunday at 2 p.m.
Mark Fields, 210-269-2619

North Texas Chickasaw Community Council
3rd Saturday
John C. Atkins, 972-271-0692

Tyler Area Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly
Howard Thompson, 903-570-9244

Texarkana Area Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Quarterly
Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165

Northern Pontotoc Chickasaw Community Council

The Northern Pontotoc Chickasaw Community Council meets the second Thursday of every month in the Chickasaw Training Center facility located in Newcastle, Okla.

If you are a Chickasaw and haven't been to a council meeting I encourage you to come check it out. We start all meetings with a fellowship dinner at six. The council provides the main course and all members bring a side dish to accompany it.

The official meeting begins at seven and we have guest speakers that speak about all the wonderful benefits that we have through the Chickasaw

Nation.

The Legislatures all try to attend as many of these meetings as possible and keep us up to date with what is going on in the Chickasaw Nation Legislative meetings.

Our next scheduled meeting is April 14 and we are going to change things up a bit and have a movie night. We are going to watch the Chickasaw movie "Pearl" and have popcorn and snacks. The Senior Nutrition/Farmers Market Vouchers will be distributed at our May 12 meeting.

Please contact Chairman Todd Griffiths if you have any questions at (405) 615-1303.

South Texas Chickasaw Community Council



From left, Bettina Plunket, Dan Knight, Nancy McLarry, Mark Fields, Tom Knight and Mitchell Knight.

The members of the Chickasaw Community Council of South Texas based in San Antonio, attended the United

San Antonio Pow Wow last month. This group sold crafts made by their members in order to raise money for the

scholarship that will be awarded in the spring.

This was a two-day affair and many of the members took part in the dances. This was the first of many of the Powwows that this council intend to be a part of in this area.

All Chickasaws in the area are invited to join this active group. The monthly meetings are the second Sunday of each month at a location that is announced in a monthly newsletter.

For more information, please contact Mark Fields, chairman, at cccst@yahoo.com or phone Nancy McLarry, Secretary at (830) 537-4576.

Beautiful Morning

A Chickasaw's Account of the Murrah Building Bombing

BY RICHARD GREEN | CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Gerrie Norton arrived at work early that day, 7 a.m., in downtown Oklahoma City. Although she was one of 120 employees working for HUD (otherwise known as the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development), this Chickasaw was the only staffer coordinating social service programs for residents of Indian housing. She parked her car in the underground garage and took the elevator up to her eighth-floor office.

She visited with another early bird, David Burkett, reminding him she would be at a training session all day in Norman. Her officemate and friend, Don Burns, asked about her recent sinus infection. She said she felt better, not great, but didn't want to miss any more work. Don asked her if she'd seen the sinus medicine he had left on her desk. Standing next to her desk, he picked up the medicine and actually put it in her hand. She remembered that later.

She thanked him and filled out leave slips for her recent sick days. She made small talk with Tony Reyes and Jules Valdez, her supervisor and colleague she would never see again, rode the elevator down to the parking garage and started her car, hoping she had allowed plenty of time to get to the hotel in Norman where the training session would be held. She wanted to allow plenty of time to arrive at the training site and greet training participants.

Pulling out onto Robinson Street, she looked at her watch. It was precisely 7:45 a.m. Nearby a clock was ticking. It would stop ticking in exactly 78 minutes.

Gerrie enjoyed the short drive in the beautiful weather. She arrived in plenty of time to visit with three co-workers and training participants, including some members of public and Indian housing authorities from around the state. The program began about 9:15 and introductions were still underway when Gerrie felt a tugging on her shoulder. It was Caren Cook and her expression was alarming, a mixture of incredulity and terror. "The building has been blown up," she whispered, oddly not wanting to interrupt the session despite the apparent magnitude of the news.

Gerrie intuitively knew that Caren meant their office building. Her response was cooler than she felt. "Well, no," she said. "That can't be. I was just there."

"It has blown up," Caren insisted, now literally pulling Gerrie out of the room.

"No," said Gerrie, now less sure.

In the hall near the lobby was a bank of phones and Gerrie thought to call her office to confirm that everything was all right, or not. While she was dialing, a man interrupted to ask if she were calling the Murrah Building?

"Yes," she said, looking at him quizzically.

"You won't get through," he said. "Look," he said, pointing to a television set in the lobby, "there it is on TV."

She hung up and rushed over to a crowd gathered around the television. There on the screen was the blasted away north side of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building. Visible through the smoke and dust hanging in the air around it, the building had been transformed in seconds into a barely recognizable hulk, a collage of pulverized concrete, collapsed columns, and blown-open offices that resembled catacombs.

Gerrie gaped in shock and horror as she realized that HUD's seventh- and eighth-floor offices, including her own, *no longer existed*. She remembers think-

ing, *but I just left there, I talked with my friends*. Maybe this is why she says she concentrated on who might be alive, not who or how many were dead.

A lady from out of town who was staying at the hotel invited Gerrie and four of her co-workers to her room to watch television. As they pondered what was still the imponderable, they walked by the training room and noticed that the session was still going on.

Aftershocks

Gerrie's maiden name was Boothe. She was born to a Yankee and a Chickasaw woman named Dorothy Moore. She and her two siblings grew up in Reagan, between Tishomingo and Sulphur. Her grandfather and link to more traditional Chickasaw roots, Charlie Harley Moore, died when she was 1-year-old. Though she never knew him, there was plenty of "hearsay," as she calls it. He wasn't much of a provider for his family. He would come and go as he pleased, so at times the family had little or no money. Once, some of the children lived in a tent.

When Gerrie got out on her own, she was hired in the early 1970s by Governor Overton James as one of two family planning representatives (The other was Patricia Woods, now special assistant to Governor Anoatubby, who introduced me to Gerrie via e-mail.) Back then, the Chickasaw Nation had not yet acquired the Sulphur motel that would become the tribe's headquarters building, so Gerrie worked out of her home.

After a few years, Gerrie left the tribe to work in other social service programs before returning to the Nation in the 1980s as director of human services with a staff of 45. She got married and had two daughters, Melissa and Kristi. She left the Nation again in 1988 and worked in Texas and New Mexico before taking the job in Oklahoma City with HUD in 1991.

Because Gerrie had a lot of tribal government and social service experience, she was ideally suited to run the HUD program that arranged for residents of Indian housing a number of services geared to improving their lives. These included literacy, drug elimination, youth sports, and lessons in self-sufficiency.

But as she sat in that motel room glued to the TV, it never occurred to her to even wonder if that job was now history. She was preoccupied looking for colleagues among the traumatized people who appeared in crowd shots after the local TV reporters arrived. She glimpsed Wanda Webster, bloody and dazed, from the eighth floor. Then she saw Susan Hunt, from the seventh floor. Surely, she thought, more were alive.

And yet, it was obvious at a glance that most of the north side of the building was gone. If Wanda and Susan were in their offices at the time of the explosion, they would not only have survived the blast but also the avalanche.

The realization that survivors existed may have sparked in Caren and Gerrie the idea that the rescuers or somebody would need a list of HUD employees. So she and Caren Cook began writing down the names of every employee they could think of and gave the list to a man who said he was going to St. Anthony Hospital. He said he would check off the names and call them later with updates.



Gerrie Norton at the Oklahoma City National Memorial and Museum.

By 3:30 p.m., Gerrie wanted to do something more directly useful. She heard blood donors were needed, so she drove to Oklahoma City intent on donating blood, though the idea of having her blood drawn was very unappealing. When she got close to the blood institute, it was obvious from all the cars and people thereabouts that plenty of blood donors had responded. So she headed toward St. Anthony because a control center had been established there. The hospital was not far uptown from the Murrah Building, and roadblocks seemed to be everywhere. "I don't know how I got there, but I did," Gerrie says.

Tables were set up for the different agencies. She found the HUD table, and almost immediately she and Matt Gardner saw one another and embraced. Matt's mother was one of her co-workers. He said, "They haven't found mother yet. I'm so worried," and he started to weep.

Minutes later, she overheard the brother of HUD attorney Clarence Wilson telling someone: "I was talking with [him] on the phone when the building exploded." Did he make it, the brother was asked. "They haven't found him yet."

Gerrie wondered things such as what the brothers might have been saying to each other? What were Clarence's last words? She stayed at the HUD table, trying to help, but declined the offer to go into the make-shift morgue to identify bodies. It dawned on her that she hadn't eaten all day. She thought she'd go home to eat something and then return. But when she got home, she suddenly felt like "a ton of bricks had fallen on me." Exhausted, she tried to sleep but couldn't. She turned on the TV and watched more coverage, hoping to learn that more co-workers were alive.

The next days blended together. Gerrie went to funerals, but there were so many, some with conflicting times, that she felt overwhelmed and stopped going. She spent several hours a day at a temporary HUD command center at Oklahoma City's public housing authority. She wanted updates and to be helpful, but mainly she just sat there with other HUD employees waiting...waiting....

Later, word came that the agency had rented new

GERRIE NORTON

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headquarters at the Montgomery Building downtown. The HUD survivors assembled to start over, pretty much from scratch. Most of the records and virtually all of Gerrie's files evidently had been destroyed.

Then, she got word that a photo of one of her daughters had been found and her daily planner. The planner's condition was damaged, reflecting the circumstances, but Gerrie held on to it as a tangible historical artifact, if not memento, of April 19.

Aftermath

In time, Gerrie learned that 35 of her HUD colleagues died as a result of the bombing. She keeps the list of names on her computer. Because she was on a committee of the credit union, she knew several credit union employees, of which 18 died. Many other people she would never see again included those she didn't know, but would exchange greetings with on the elevators or in the halls.

Gerrie struggled emotionally and psychologically with the aftermath but she suffered in silence for a long time. She says her husband wasn't much help, but allows that maybe she wouldn't let him. Once her two daughters found out their mom was okay, they were relieved but wanted no details. Another reason she kept the trauma bottled up for months afterward was because she never included herself among the survivors. "Only the people who were in the build-

ing are the survivors," she told me. "They suffered far more trauma than I did. The people who walked down the back staircase and stepped over bodies...I was blessed not to have endured that."

Her "blessing" was also her obstacle: Gerrie had a double-edged sense of guilt. She seemed to feel that she either didn't need or perhaps deserve help the way the survivors did. And why was she alive and enjoying her family when someone as kind as Don Burns, who had just become a grandfather, was not?

After a few months, she and some co-workers opened up to each other a bit and decided to attend group counseling. They learned they probably had Post-traumatic Stress Disorder or PTSD. "I wanted to be with my sister after the bombing, but I was afraid that something terrible would happen after I left home," she says. "I cried about that, but finally risked going, and spent a week with her," says Gerrie. "Your mind does weird things. The phone would ring and I wouldn't answer it sometimes because I never knew when I was going to start crying."

Gerrie says after about a year, she felt like she was "falling to pieces," and arranged for individual counseling. Even now, she still has occasional attacks of PTSD--depression and flashbacks related to the bombing. Sometimes she can handle these setbacks herself and sometimes she calls her therapist for an appoint-

ment.

On a 2007 visit, her sister asked Gerrie to take her to the Oklahoma City National Memorial and Museum. She had never visited the memorial, despite the fact that she still works for HUD in the new federal building just across the street. "I didn't want to go, but I did," she says.

Maybe it was a test, if so, she passed.

As the sixteenth anniversary approaches this month, she says only a handful of her colleagues still work for the agency (of the original 120 prior to the bombing). Do they talk about April 19th much anymore? "Not really," she says. "Just, you know, acknowledging the anniversaries."

Then, she mentions some amazing exceptions. There have been incidents, years afterward, in which survivors have found embedded slivers of glass from the shattered windows of the Murrah Building that have pushed through their skin. And then both the glass slivers and the memories are out in the open.

"But memories fade," Gerrie says. "And we get on with our lives."

Readers may contact Richard Green at Richard.Green@Chickasaw.net or at 405-947-5020.

Chickasaw Farms rolls out Spring Landscaping Program

Chickasaw Farms, Davis, Okla., will begin its landscaping products program April 11, and continue until October 31.

Chickasaw homeowners can receive an initial landscaping package consisting of three trees, six shrubs, three ornamental grasses, 12 flowers and up to 10,000 square feet of first-quality sod. The 10,000 square feet of sod is a cumulative limit, and does not all have to be picked up in the same year. Both large and small rolls of sod are available on pallets at the Farms.

"You can come and browse our large selection of products and select your landscaping package," said Karla Windyboy, farm director.

There are no income guidelines

for participation in the program.

All Chickasaws are eligible for the products. Chickasaws who live within the jurisdictional service area are also eligible for delivery and installation of sod.

Proof of home ownership and address is required for delivery and installation.

The homeowner will be responsible for all dirt work in preparing for the sod. The installation of sod is a one-time service.

Chickasaw homeowners who have received an initial landscaping package are eligible for a supplemental package every other year.

This year, a large variety of fruit trees is also available.

Chickasaw Farms is located at 609 West Main in Davis, Okla.,

and is open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. General information is available by calling 580-436-2603 ext. 21091 or 20712.

To place a sod order, call the numbers listed below on Monday mornings; beginning at 7 a.m. Orders may be picked up Friday of the same week. Trailer requirements for picking up sod will be explained during the call. The best times for picking up an order is 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday - Friday.

For more information or to request required forms call 580-399-9991 or 580-235-7234 or email thelma.navarro@chickasaw.net or karla.windyboy@chickasaw.net.

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Chickasaw Nation WIC ready to serve families with variety of healthy foods

The Chickasaw Nation Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC) extends its services to anyone who needs encouragement and support in feeding their families. The program offers up-to-date specialized nutrition education along an expanded supplemental food package for growing children from the prenatal period up to age five.

The program puts families' feeding concerns first and works with them to provide the very best for their growing children. It also helps participants improve their diet, get immunizations and health care if needed as well as encourages women to breastfeed.

Appointment is just a phone call away and services are available to anyone who meets the following guidelines:

- Pregnant or breastfeeding.
- Have had a baby in the past six months or have a child up to five years

of age.

- Meet WIC income guidelines.
- Have a nutritional screening at the WIC office to determine if they are at nutritional risk.

Homeless persons are served immediately upon request if the above criteria are met.

Funded by the United States Department of Agriculture, the program has been serving the community for more than 30 years. Currently, the program serves the needs of more than 3,900 participants.

Chickasaw Nation WIC benefits are issued utilizing a magnetic strip card known as Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) card. The card is the first of its kind to be used among the Oklahoma WIC agencies and works just like a debit or credit card. It replaces the traditional paper check or voucher and gives families freedom of purchasing

the WIC food they need with each trip to the store, without losing the remaining balance for the month. At the end of the transaction, a receipt is printed with information about remaining WIC food benefit balance.

A WIC food package includes milk, cheese, fruit juice, eggs, cereal, whole grains, canned fish, peanut butter, beans/peas as well as fresh and frozen fruits and vegetables. Infant foods are also offered and formula for infants is provided if needed.

Enhanced food packages are offered to breastfeeding women and peer counselors are available to assist them in having a successful breastfeeding experience. Electric breast pumps are also available for use by WIC participants in any of the Chickasaw Nation WIC Clinics.

In the summer months, the participants are eligible for Farmers Market

Nutrition Program checks for the purchase of Oklahoma-grown fresh fruits and vegetables from authorized farmers markets and farm stands throughout the Chickasaw Nation and surrounding areas.

Chickasaw Nation WIC Clinics are located in Ada, Ardmore, Tishomingo, Sulphur, Pauls Valley, Purcell, Duncan and the new Chickasaw Nation Medical Center in Ada.

For more information about the Chickasaw Nation WIC program, please call (580) 436-7255 or toll free number 1-888-436-7255.

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Suicide intervention skills training offered free during two-day seminar

An internationally-recognized suicide prevention training program offered by the Chickasaw Nation Behavioral Health Department provides practical training for those who want to learn how to prevent the immediate risk of suicide.

Developed by Canada-based LivingWorks Education, Inc., the two-day interactive Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) involves role playing and group discussion to recognize and review risks of suicide as well as learn the ways to prevent it.

"Suicide is such a taboo and people are so afraid to talk about it," said Christie Byars, prevention specialist and one of the three tribal ASIST trainers. "This class is available to help people get a little map or guideline to use so that they

feel comfortable talking about suicide and listening to that person who might need help."

"Most times, it just takes that listening and helping them find their way back to reasons to live."

She also said it was important for everyone to take this training as "suicide affects everyone" and people considering suicide usually confide in their loved ones.

"The person who seems to have it all could be having thoughts of suicide," she said. "They could look good on the outside, but they could be having personal problems and feel like they are trapped and have nobody to talk to."

Mrs. Byars, who lost two nephews to suicide in 2005, also said the training would have enabled her to help them.

"If I have had this back then,

maybe I would have been more aware and I would have asked," she said.

About one million people die by suicide worldwide, according to the World Health Organization (WHO.) More than 30,000 Americans died by suicide in 2005.

"It is a public health epidemic," Mrs. Byars said.

Since its inception in October 2009, the program at the Chickasaw Nation has trained more than 100 individuals.

The free training, also a part of the Pontotoc County Drug Free Coalition, is offered once every other month and is open to public.

Participation in both days is required. An upcoming training is scheduled 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Thursday - Friday, April 25 - 26, 2011.

The Chickasaw Nation Behav-

ioral Health Department also offers a two-hour class called suicideTALK that encourages participants to talk about suicide and find a part that they can play in preventing suicide.

To learn more or to register

for ASIST or suicideTALK, contact the Chickasaw Nation Behavioral Health Department at (580) 421-4591.

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About Chickasaw Nation Behavioral Health Department

The behavioral health department provides services in counseling, psychiatric services, education and training concerning issues such as child abuse and neglect, elder abuse, domestic violence, sui-

cide and substance abuse and detoxification, and social work including individual, family and group counseling. For more information, visit www.chickasaw.net.

About Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST)

Developed by Canada-based LivingWorks Education, Inc., Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) is an evidence-based program for caregivers who want to feel more comfortable, confident and competent in helping to prevent the immediate risk of suicide. Working mostly in

small groups of one trainer to no more than 15 participants, ASIST uses several teaching processes to create a practice-oriented and interactive learning experience. Currently there are more than 3,500 ASIST trainers worldwide. For more information, please visit www.livingworks.net.

"Baby Steps" Walk Set April 2

The Chickasaw Nation is hosting "Baby Steps" - a walk to raise awareness to the needs of newborns born into poverty- at 10 a.m., Sat. April 2 at the Ada Chickasaw Nation Wellness Center, 229 W. Seabrook. Donations of new baby item such as diapers, bottles, blankets and socks will be accepted and do-

nated to a local hospital maternity ward to be given to babies born into poverty.

For more information contact the Chickasaw Nation Department of Family Advocacy at (580) 272-5550.

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Number of suicides by age group and gender. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, 2005.

Age (years)	5-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75+	All
Males	204	3489	4059	5053	5257	3241	1935	2603	25848
Females	68	713	922	1483	1719	954	403	448	6711
Total	272	4202	4981	6536	6976	4195	2338	3051	32559

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Number of suicides by age group and gender in United States of America in 2005. Data obtained from the World Health Organization website (http://www.who.int/mental_health/prevention/suicide/country_reports/en/index.html)

Central Oklahoma Heart Walk April 23 at Bricktown

The Chickasaw Nation will be participating in the 2011 Start! Central Oklahoma Heart Walk April 23 at the AT&T Bricktown Ballpark in Oklahoma City.

Organized by the American Heart Association, the annual non-competitive 5K (about three miles) walking event strives to increase awareness about the risk factors of heart diseases and stroke as well as raise funds to support medical research and educational programs. It also honors the survivors of heart disease, stroke and related surgeries.

Heart diseases and stroke are the leading causes of deaths among Oklahomans, according to the organization.

The day's events begin 8 a.m. with a Survivors Breakfast, followed by the Heart Walk at 10 a.m. There will also be a mile long survivor walk. The walks are family friendly and children, strollers, wagons, and animals on a leash are welcome.

Tribal citizens, employees, survivors and family members are encouraged to join the Chickasaw Nation in promoting heart healthy lifestyle.

Interested individuals may contact one of the following team captains to join the tribal team:

- Stephanie Wright or Barbara Quinlan at the Chickasaw Nation Medical

Center (800-851-9136)

- Tena Jolley at the tribal benefits and compensation department (580-436-7259)
- Roberta Williams at the Purcell Health Clinic (405-527-4700)
- Ginger Edmondson at the tribal special services department (580-371-2040)

There is no registration fee to join the team. Any individual raising \$100 or more will get a free Heart Walk t-shirt.

For more information, please call 580-371-2040 or 1-800-851-9136 or visit www.okcheartwalk.org.

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Chickasaw Nation Get Fresh! program announces classes

Ada Nutrition Services, 518 E. Arlington

April 5: 10 a.m. and noon
April 7: 10 a.m. and noon
April 12: 10 a.m. and noon
April 14: 10 a.m. and noon
May 3: 10 a.m. and noon
May 5: 10 a.m. and noon
May 10: 10 a.m. and noon
May 12: 10 a.m. and noon

For more information, call (580) 272-5506.

Ada Family Life/Wellness Center, 229 W. Seabrook

April 6: 10 a.m. and noon
April 13: 10 a.m. and noon
April 14: 6 p.m.
April 20: 10 a.m. and noon
May 4: 10 a.m. and noon
May 11: 10 a.m. and noon
May 12: 6 p.m.
May 18: 10 a.m. and noon

For more information, call (580) 272-5506.

Ardmore Nutrition Services, 2350 Chickasaw Blvd.

April 5: 10 a.m. and noon
April 6: 10 a.m. and noon
April 12: 10 a.m. and noon
April 13: 10 a.m. and noon
May 3: 10 a.m. and noon
May 4: 10 a.m. and noon
May 10: 10 a.m. and noon
May 11: 10 a.m. and noon

For more information, call (580) 226-8289.

Purcell Nutrition Services, 1530 Hardcastle Blvd.

April 5: 10 a.m., noon and 7 p.m.
April 7: 10 a.m. and noon
April 12: 10 a.m., noon and 7 p.m.
April 14: 10 a.m. and noon
May 3: 10 a.m., noon and 7 p.m.
May 5: 10 a.m. and noon
May 10: 10 a.m., noon and 7 p.m.
May 12: 10 a.m. and noon

For more information, call (405) 527-6967.

These exciting cooking shows are free and open to the public and demonstrate healthy cooking for the entire family! Leave with recipes, nutrition education and new ideas to cook healthier every day! Classes offered on each day feature the same recipes during the times of availability.

Chickasaw Nation annual Diabetes Camp set for June 6-10 at Treasure Valley in Davis

The Chickasaw Nation Diabetes Care Center will host the annual Diabetes Camp June 6-10 at The Inn at Treasure Valley in Davis, Okla.

The camp is designed to educate patients on preventive measures to help control their blood sugar through proper nutrition and exercise.

The free camp welcomes any Chickasaw Nation Division of Health patient. Participants are allowed to bring a guest or family member to the camp.

All campers and guests must be over 12 years of age and have a medical consent form signed by their medical provider to attend.

The deadline for registration is Friday, May 13.

For more information or to register, contact Shon McCage at (800) 851-9136, (580) 421-4532 or shondra.mccage@chickasaw.net.

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About the American Heart Association

The American Heart Association is a non-profit organization that promotes heart healthy lifestyle to reduce the number of deaths caused by cardiovascular diseases and stroke. Based in Dallas, Texas, the organizations' mission is to build healthier lives, free of cardiovascular diseases and stroke. For more information, please visit www.american-heart.org.

Diabetes Coalition Benefit Golf Scramble set for April 29

The Second Annual Oklahoma Inter-tribal Diabetes Coalition (OIDC) Benefit Golf Scramble will take place Friday, April 29 at Firelake Golf Course in Shawnee, Okla., with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start.

Entry fees are \$50 per person or \$200 per team and include green fee, golf cart, door

prize drawing raffle ticket and awards luncheon.

Deadline to register is April 22. Team sponsorship packages are also available.

The event features several prizes and strives to raise awareness about diabetes in Oklahoma.

To register, please contact

Lea Caufield at (580) 421-4532 ext. 82266 or Lea.caufield@chickasaw.net.

For event and team sponsorship questions, please contact Duane Meadows at 918-695-1325 or Duane.meadows@creekhealth.org.

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Health At-Large case manager will assist

Are you a Chickasaw citizen living outside the tribal boundaries? Would you like more information on division of health programs and services available to you?

If so, call Amy Wampler, Services At-Large Case Manager, at 800-851-9136 ext. 61097.

Elder case manager ready to help you

Are you a Chickasaw Elder age 60 or older? Do you live within the tribal boundaries?

If so, call Stefanie Luna, Elder Case Manager at 800-851-9136 ext. 80110 for personalized assistance navigating the Health System.

Full-time positions open at Chickasaw Nation Division of Health

Due to the expansion at the new Chickasaw Nation Medical Center, the Chickasaw Nation Division of Health has full-time openings within the tribal boundaries for **Physicians in the following specialties:** • Emergency Department, Ada • CRNA, Ada • Outpatient Internal Medicine, Ada • Pediatrician, Ada • Family Practice, Tishomingo

Other openings include: • Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants in Ada, Durant and Tishomingo

For details on any of the professional positions, please contact:

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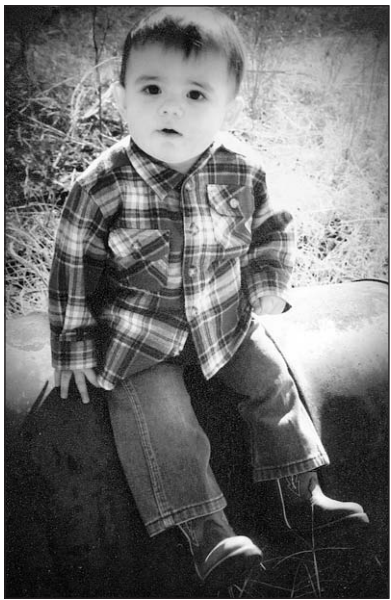
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Maverick Cash Arden

Maverick Cash Arden, 14 months, is the son of David and Rachel Arden. He is the grandson of Donna Cowling, Ron Hawkins and Hazle and Charles Arden. He is the great-grandson of Don Cowling and Hoyet Arden.

Maverick is our pride and joy because he is tough, well behaved and sweet and lovely as can be. He enjoys being outside and playing with his daddy's tools.

Paisley and Drew Keel



Paisley, 3, and Drew Keel, 6 months, are the children of Traci and Thomas Keel. They are the grandchildren of Woodrow Keel and Becky and Mr. and Mrs. Rigney.

Paisley gives me joy just to see her growing up with her baby brother. She already knows how to be a proud Chickasaw and looks forward to teaching her little brother.

Paisley is active in dance class.

Cecil Rae Seger

Cecil Rae Seger is the son of Eulyes-sea Seger.

Cecil is loving to everything and everyone. He cares about the animals and plants in his world. His creativeness and willingness to learn and participate in the traditions of our culture give me and family great pride.

Best of all, is his unconditional love.



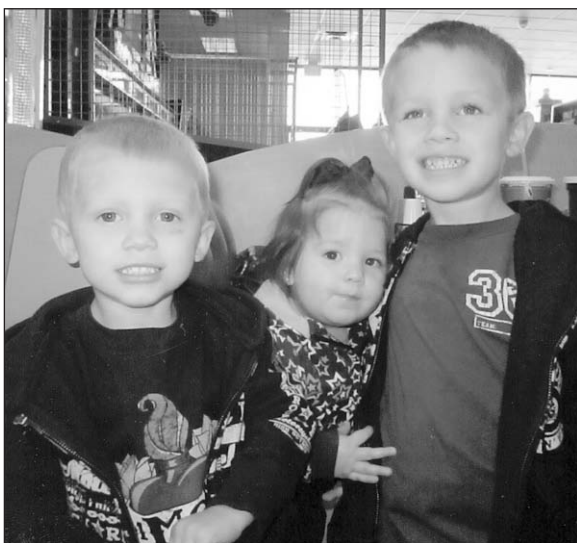
Stevy Reeves and Justice Warrior

Stevy Reeves, 8, and Justice Warrior, 4, are the daughters of Tanae Reeves and Joseph Warrior. They are the granddaughters of Tracie and Brian Carter, Wanda Brown and the late Steven Reeves.

These children are our pride and joy because they are very loving and caring girls who keep us in smiles and laughs! Mommy and Daddy love you very much! Thank you for making our life so special.



Mason, Kannon and Braylon Guerrero



Mason, Kannon and Braylon Guerrero are the children of Noah and Stevie Guerrero. They are the grandchildren of Jackie L. Brooks and their uncle is Jared Brooks.

Their hugs are full of love and they know just how to make you smile!

Erica Hanna



Erica Hanna is the daughter of David and Linda Hanna. She is the granddaughter of Bill and Nyoka Clark.

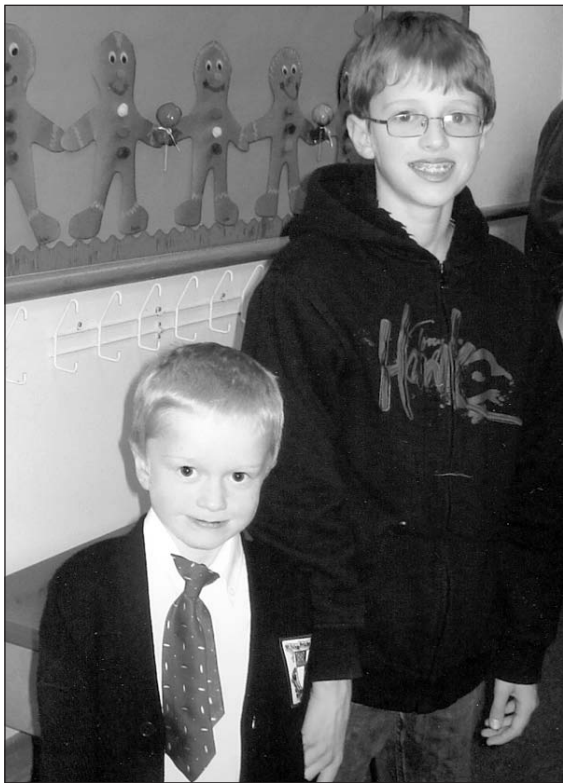
Erica is a seventh grade student at Haskell Middle School, Broken Bow, Okla. Her favorite subjects are music and drama.

She spends her spare time to a variety of subjects, including singing, drawing, reading and playing with her two cats. She has many friends and spends time with all of them.

She has a keen interest in her Chickasaw roots, learning about culture and her ancestors.

After graduation from high school, she would like to attend college to become a teacher.

Will and Luke Horning



Will, 11, and Luke Horning, 5, are the sons of Bill Horning, of Denison, Texas, and Carole and Howard Hughes, of Madill, Okla.

These children are our pride and joy because their love for life, Jesus, soccer, school, family, friends and their love for one another.

What a blessing they are to everyone who knows them.

Zoe and Zachary Walters



Zoe, 5, and Zachary, 2, are the children of Mike and Amy Walters. They are the grandchildren of Mary and Ron Walters. They are the great-grandparents of Jack and Dorothy Rhodes. Their great-great-great-grandfather was Cyrus Harris.

These children are our pride and joy because they bring so much love and joy into our lives as well as keeping life enjoyable.

Redek Lee Collins



Redek Lee Collins, 7 months, is the son of Rachael and Derek Collins. He is the grandson of Vicky and Bill Gold, Eddie and Tammy Collins and Buddy Tartsah. He is the nephew to Marcus Tartsah, Scott and Melissa Morgan, Lindsey Collins, Chad and Shawna Collins and Jake Collins.

Redek brings us a lot of happiness and laughter. He loves kids being around him and watches everything and everybody. He is a great 'military crawler' and can get to where he is wanting to go pretty quick. He loves his 'froggie', playing peek-a-boo, clapping, crawling and his cousin Garrett.

We love you Redek!

Christopher Garrett Morgan



Christopher Garrett Morgan, 6, is the son of Scott and Melissa Morgan. He is the grandson of Bill and Vicky Gold, Shelby and Gayle Morgan, and Buddy Tartsah. He is the nephew to Derek and Rachael Collins, Marcus Tartsah and Danny and Stacy Cates.

Garrett is very excited to play t-ball this summer. He loves to play basketball and has enjoyed being in kindergarten this year. He enjoys playing on his Wii, exercising, telling jokes and playing with his cousins.

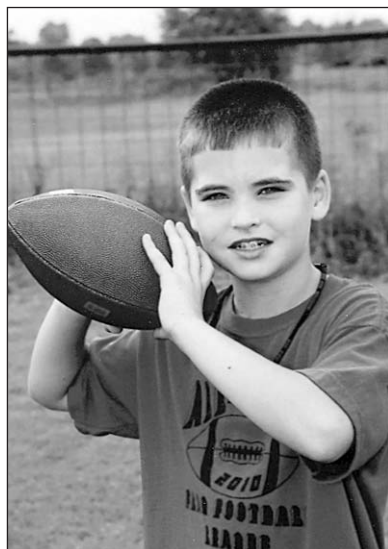
We love you Garrett!

Benjamin Lee Gold

Benjamin Lee Gold, 9, is the son of Billy Jack and Polly Gold and Starla and Rusty Christman. He is the grandson of Bill and Vicky Gold, Harold and Gwenda DePasse and Donna and John Linton.

Ben enjoys playing basketball, baseball and football and he enjoys fishing and hunting. He will play his first year of 10 & under kid pitch baseball this summer and we are looking forward to watching him.

We love you Ben!

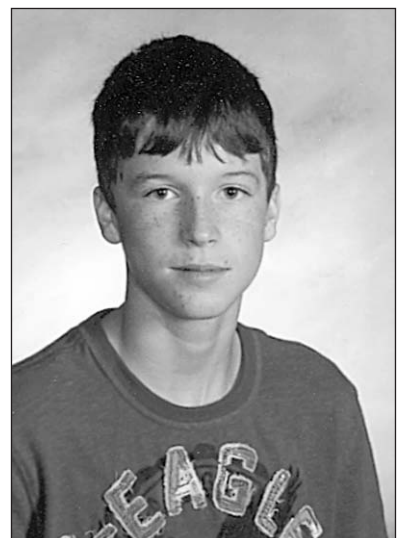


C.J. Bills

CJ Bills, 12, is the son of Billy Jack and Polly Gold and Chillie Joe Bills. He is the grandson of Pat Thompson and Joe and Kay Bills.

CJ enjoys playing basketball, football, baseball and he loves to fish and hunt. CJ is a great young man.

We love you CJ!



IsaBella Brie Key



IsaBella Brie Key, 1, is the daughter of Joshua and Summer Key, of Ada, Okla. She is the granddaughter of Allen and LuElla Jones, of Sulphur, Okla., and Roy and Marla Key, of Ada. Great-Grandparents are Susie Wallace, of Sulphur, Catherine Key, of Ada, the late Sydney Taylor and the late Minnie Shields. Aunts and uncles are Allen and Maria Jones of Sulphur, Crystal and Leslie Cloud of McAlester, Okla., and Kerry Key, of Ada.

IsaBella was born August 25, 2009 at Carl Albert Indian Hospital in Ada. She enjoys playing outside and jumping on the trampoline with her sisters and brother. IsaBella spends her busy day at the Chickasaw Nation Development Center where she has attended since she was 6 weeks old. She loves her teachers and enjoys playing with the other kids.

Benjamin James Key



Benjamin James Key, 3, is the son of Joshua and Summer Key, of Ada, Okla. He is the grandson of Allen and LuElla Jones, of Sulphur, Okla., and Roy and Marla Key, of Ada. Great-Grandparents are Susie Wallace, of Sulphur, Catherine Key, of Ada, the late Sydney Taylor and the late Minnie Shields. Aunts and uncles are Allen and Maria Jones of Sulphur, Crystal and Leslie Cloud of McAlester, Okla., and Kerry Key, of Ada.

Ben was born January 18, 2008 at Carl Albert Indian Hospital in Ada. He enjoys playing in the dirt outside and running to his grandpa's house everyday. Ben spends his day at the Chickasaw Nation Development Center with his sister IsaBella. Benjamin is looking forward to attending the Chickasaw Nation Head Start in the fall.

Jazlyn Renee Key

Jazlyn Renee Key, 5, is the daughter of Joshua and Summer Key, of Ada, Okla. She is the granddaughter of Allen and LuElla Jones, of Sulphur, Okla., and Roy and Marla Key, of Ada. Great-Grandparents are Susie Wallace, of Sulphur, Catherine Key, of Ada, the late Sydney Taylor and the late Minnie Shields. Aunts and uncles are Allen and Maria Jones of Sulphur, Crystal and Leslie Cloud of McAlester, Okla., and Kerry Key, of Ada.

Jazlyn was born February 13 2006 at Carl Albert Indian Hospital in Ada. She will graduate this fall from the Chickasaw Nation Head Start and then will attend Francis Elementary School. Jazlyn loves to sing and play dress up.



Lauren Paige Key



Lauren Paige Key, 7, is the daughter of Joshua and Summer Key, of Ada, Okla. She is the granddaughter of Allen and LuElla Jones, of Sulphur, Okla., and Roy and Marla Key, of Ada. Great-Grandparents are Susie Wallace, of Sulphur, Catherine Key, of Ada, the late Sydney Taylor and the late Minnie Shields. Aunts and uncles are Allen and Maria Jones of Sulphur, Crystal and Leslie Cloud of McAlester, Okla., and Kerry Key, of Ada.

Lauren was born December 8, 2003 at Carl Albert Indian Hospital in Ada. She is in the first grade at Francis Elementary. Lauren likes to play outside with her friends and also watch TV most of the time.

Sydney Marie Decker

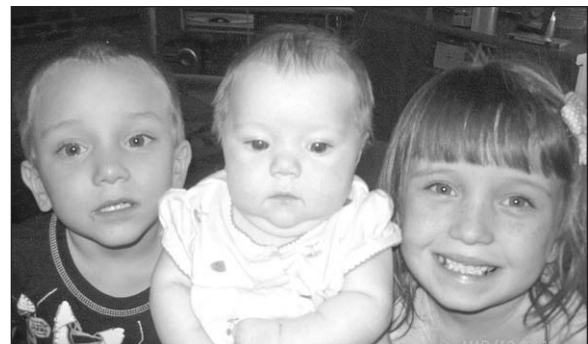


Sydney Marie Decker, 12, is the daughter of Joshua and Summer Key, of Ada, Okla. She is the granddaughter of Allen and LuElla Jones, of Sulphur, Okla., and Roy and Marla Key, of Ada. Great-Grandparents are Susie Wallace, of Sulphur, Catherine Key, of Ada, the late Sydney Taylor and the late Minnie Shields. Aunts and uncles are Allen and Maria Jones of Sulphur, Crystal and Leslie Cloud of McAlester, Okla., and Kerry Key, of Ada.

Sydney was born Feb. 2, 1999 at Carl Albert Indian Hospital in Ada. She attends the sixth grade at Byng Elementary, she enjoys playing the Nintendo DS and talking on the phone or playing on the computer and hanging out with her friends.

Everyday we are blessed to have all five of our kids here with us to keep us on our toes.

Kyle Gage, Addyson Cheyenne, Shelby Grace Edwards



Kyle Gage, 4, Addyson Cheyenne, 2 months, and Shelby Grace Edwards, 6, of Oklahoma City, are the children of Tamara Welcher and Jeremy Edwards, of Oklahoma City. They are the grandchildren of Jennifer Welcher, of Oklahoma City, and the great-grandchildren of Helen Bell, of Hemet Calif. Their great-great-grandfather is original enrollee Lyman Maytubby.

I love spending time with my grandchildren. They always bring a smile to my face and lift my spirits when I'm feeling down. They help me to remember that it's the little things in life that matter most and to never stop dreaming. Gammy love you!



Jackson Colbert

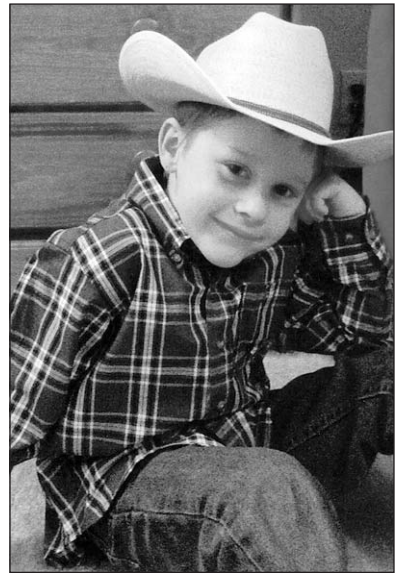
Jackson Colbert is the son of Jesse and Michele Colbert, of Porum, Okla. His brother is Joseph.

He is a very sweet and loving child. He is so adorable and precious. We love him!

Joseph Colbert

Joseph Colbert is the son of Jesse and Michele Colbert, of Porum, Okla. His brother is Jackson.

He is a very caring and loving child. He is very smart and loves to learn. We love him!



Ryan Matthew Costantino



Ryan Matthew Costantino is the son of Chuch and Lindsey Costantino. He is the grandson of E.C. and Donna Costantino. He is the great-grandson of Donny and Phyllis (Bomboy) Trewin and the great-great-grandson of Benson Brown and original enrollee. He is the nephew of Kimberly Costantino.

This is the love of our lives. He has brought more joy to our lives than you could ever imagine.

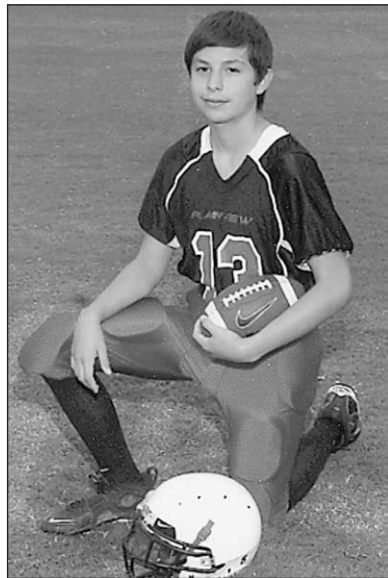
Derrick Taylor

Derrick Taylor is the son of Donnie Johnson and Amy Johnson, of Ardmore, Okla.

Derrick is a blessing to us. He likes walking in his Uncle Donnie's foot steps. He is our little outdoorsman.

Derrick has come along way. He is good at setting goals and going for them. We are so proud of him.

We love you.



Matt Coffin and Kyla and Shea Smith



Matt Coffin is the son of Kevin and Amy Coffin, of Kingwood, Texas.

Kyla and Shea Smith are the daughters of Ryan and Erin Smith, of Carlsbad, Calif.

Our children are the best thing we ever did and look what they gave us -- three lovely grandchildren. Watching them grow and learn and love keeps us young, healthy and happy.

Who couldn't look at these three and see what a bright future we have in our country. They are our pride and joy.

Grandma and Grandpa

Thank you for the Pride and Joy submissions.

Pride and Joy submissions received after the deadline will be published in the May 2011 Chickasaw Times.

Your smile bridges the years between us
I am young again...
Discovering the world through your eyes
You have the time to listen
And I have the time to spend.
Delighted to gaze at familiar loved features...
Made new in you again
Through you...I'll see the future
Through me...you'll know the past
As long as the moments last
~Author Unknown~



Tristian Brown

Tristian Brown, 9, is the son of Andy Brown, of Temple, Okla.
He is the great-grandson and pride and joy of O.C. and Lucille Beshirs, of Achille, Okla.



Toby Johnson

Toby Johnson, 7, is the son of Jay Johnson, of Dallas.
He is the great-grandson and pride and joy of O.C. and Lucille Beshirs, of Achille, Okla.

Kade Smith

Kade Smith, 13, is the son of Weldon and Misty Smith, of Post, Texas.
He is the great-grandson and West Texas pride and joy of O.C. and Lucille Beshirs, of Achille, Okla.



Taylen Johnson

Taylen Johnson, 10, is the daughter of Jay Johnson, of Dallas.
She is the great-granddaughter and pride and joy of O.C. and Lucille Beshirs, of Achille, Okla.



Rylynn Beshirs

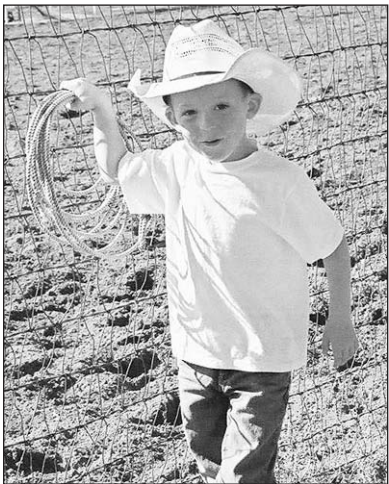


Rylynn Beshirs, 1, is the son of Mickey and Kassi Beshirs, of Matador, Texas.
Rylynn is the great-grandson and West Texas pride and joy of O.C. and Lucille Beshirs, of Achille, Okla.

Diggs and Cooper Bland



Diggs Bland, 1, and Cooper Bland, 3, are the children of Jeremy Bland and Toni Bland, of Lubbock, Texas.
They are the great-grandsons and West Texas pride and joy of O.C. and Lucille Beshirs, of Achille, Okla.



Kyler Beshirs

Kyler Beshirs, 6, is the son of Mickey and Kassi Beshirs, of Matador, Texas.
Kyler is the great-grandson and West Texas pride and joy of O.C. and Lucille Beshirs, of Achille, Okla.



Bailey Norris

Bailey Norris, 5, is the daughter of Rusty Norris, of Lorenzo, Texas.
She is the great-granddaughter and West Texas pride and joy of O.C. and Lucille Beshirs, Achille, Okla.



Braiden Johnson

Braiden Johnson, 3, is the son of Pierce Johnson, of Hereford, Texas.
He is the great-grandson and West Texas pride and joy of O.C. and Lucille Beshirs, of Achille, Okla.

Breann, Bryce and Blayne Brady



Breann, 4, Bryce, 12, and Blayne Brady, 11, are the children of Stephen and Jennifer Brady, of Dumont, Texas.

They are the great-grandchildren and West Texas pride and joy of O.C. and Lucille Beshirs, of Achille, Okla.

Austin, Jacie, and Bryant Taylor

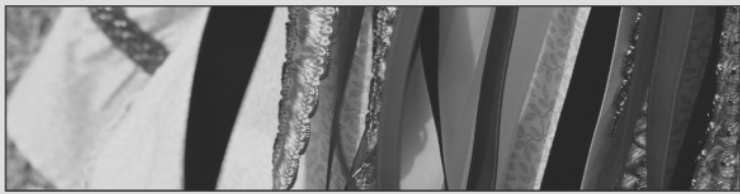


Austin, 16, Jacie, 10, and Bryant Taylor, 13, are the children of Shane and Wendi Taylor, of Matador, Texas.

They are the great-grandchildren and West Texas pride and joy of O.C. and Lucille Beshirs, of Achille, Okla.

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Foundation scholarship application deadline May 20

The Chickasaw Foundation offers a variety of scholarships. Each year applications are offered in early spring that list available scholarships along with their criteria and amount. Scholarship funding begins with each fall semester and is dependent upon the availability of funding. Scholarship awards shall be made payable directly to the students' designated college or university. Requirements and amounts for each funding source may change during the course of a school year.

All scholarship applications must be delivered or postmarked by the stated deadline

date to be considered for funding.

The Chickasaw Foundation provides educational assistance for students who demonstrate excellence in academics, community service, dedication to Native America and a commitment to learning.

You Provide (Depending on the scholarship):

- Two letters of recommendation from a high school official or instructor who is knowledgeable of your academic ability and character. Note: *Applicants of the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound Leadership Scholarship require one letter from the Foundation's*

Upward Bound academic advisor that has been working with the student.

- High school and/or college transcript (depends on classification)
- Proof of enrollment for fall semester
- Typed essay describing long-term goals and plans to achieve them
- Copy of Chickasaw citizenship card or CDIB (depends on scholarship)
- Copy of your Chickasaw

Nation employee badge holder (if applicable)

- Copy of ACT/SAT scores
- Proof of any honors, awards or achievements, participation in any clubs, societies, etc.
- Proof of income (if applicable)
- Proof of acceptance to law school and law school transcript

Eligibility: Eligibility requirements differ with each scholarship.

Deadlines: Deadline to apply is May 20. Applicants will be notified by mid-July if they are selected to receive the scholarship.

You may contact our office at (580) 421-9030 or send an e-mail to ChickasawFoundation@chickasaw.net for any information regarding our scholarships or to be placed on our scholarship mailing list.

Chickasaw Foundation Student of the Month

Ms. Ana Sanchez, a senior at Marietta High School, has been selected as the Chickasaw Foundation Student of the Month for February 2011.



Ana Sanchez

Oklahoma Technology Center.

Ana is currently on the principal's honor roll and plans to further her education at Murray State College. She is considering a career as either a nurse or a lab technician. She has learned the importance of community service by her participation in CFUB and credits the program with helping improve her grades.

Chickasaw Foundation 4th Annual T-Ball Tournament



The Chickasaw Foundation will host the 4th Annual Chickasaw Foundation T-Ball Tournament at the Kiwanis field in Ada, OK. The tournament will begin Friday, April 29th continuing through Saturday, April 30th. The entry fee is \$100. Awards will be given to

the first through third place finishers.

All local teams are invited to participate. If you are interested in entering your team or becoming a sponsor for the tournament, please contact the Chickasaw Foundation office at (580) 421-9030.

Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound



Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound at the State Capital during Trio Day.

Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound attended the 2011 Trio Day at our State's Capitol on February 23.

Trio Day serves to highlight the accomplishments of Oklahoma Trio participants as well as increasing awareness of the Trio programs. Our students joined other Trio students from across Oklahoma to hear statements from Trio Hall of Fame participants as well as leaders who help make our programs possible. The evening prior to the event, our students attended the Oklahoma City Thunder vs. Los Angeles Clippers basketball game.

The Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound Math & Science program visited Oklahoma State University on February 19 for a behind-the-scenes tour of the Zoology Department by Professor Karen McBee. The students worked hands-on

with a number of different vertebrae including reptiles, amphibians, birds, and various mammals native to Oklahoma.

Afterwards, the students attended the Insect Adventure Program lead by Andrine A. Shufran of the Entomology &

Plant Pathology department.

The students worked with insects as they learned their importance in our society and our world along with some common myths often associated with them.



Janessa Beasley, Charles Russell

It is time once again to feature our Chickasaw High School Seniors!

The *Chickasaw Times* would like to congratulate each of you on your accomplishment by featuring you in our May 2011 issue.

Your biography and photo will appear in this special issue if you complete the form below and mail it to us with a photo no later than ***Friday, April 22, 2011.***

Notice:

Please send an original photo (not a photo copy). The photo will be returned to the address provided.

Also include a contact **number** in case we have questions.

Information and photo can also be emailed to times.chickasaw@chickasaw.net

Senior Profile Form



Name _____

Home town _____

High School _____

Parents/guardians _____

(If parents are deceased or divorced, please indicate)

Grandparents _____

Information about graduate *(include school activities, extracurricular activities, future plans, etc.)*

Please mail your completed form to
Chickasaw Times, P.O. Box 1548, Ada, OK 74821

HONOR YOUR GRADUATE

Charles Herbert Brown, Sr.



Charles Herbert Brown, Sr., 81, of Bedford, Texas, died April 15, 2010. Services were April 22, at the K.C. Hall in Bedford with Rev. Dave Pyles officiating. Interment followed in the Dallas/Fort Worth National Cemetery. He was given military honors by the Chickasaw Nation Honor Guard.

Mr. Brown was born Nov. 29, 1929 at Ada, Okla., to Vivien and Charlie Brown. He was a full-blood Chickasaw. He was the grandson of original enrollee Levi Brown.

He served his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He was stationed overseas during the occupation of Japan and Germany.

He married Ardell Clark Dec. 15, 1953 and fathered five children.

He was a master machinist for Menasco Aerospace for 29 years retiring at the age of 70. He cut parts for military and commercial aircraft landing gear. This included the first four space shuttle orbiters and parts for the International Space Station.

Mr. Brown was a league bowler and his team won many corporate tournaments, his most memorable was in the military.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Loren (Pete) Brown and James Lewis; and a son, Charles H. Brown, Jr.

He is survived by his wife, Ardell Clark Brown; sons, Cameron Brown and Clark Brown, of Bedford; daughters, Arnetia Brown, of Bedford, and Arnette Seethoff and husband, Scott Seethoff, of Amarillo, Texas; three grandchildren, Cameron and Scott Seethoff, of Amarillo, and Kasheena Lawrence, of Conyers, Ga.; two great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A ring of three trees has been planted in the Children's Forest in Israel as a living tribute to his memory by the Baruch Ha Shem Congregation, of Dallas.

Howard Wayne Hornsby



Howard Wayne Hornsby, 52, died Feb. 1, 2011 at his mother's home in Bedford, Texas. Memorial services were Feb. 12, at Trinity Baptist Church, Big Spring, Texas.

Mr. Hornsby was born Aug. 4, 1958 at Dallas. He was a 1976 graduate of Sharpstown High School in Houston. He received a bachelor's degree in marketing from Southwest Texas State University, San Marcos in 1982 and in 1988 graduated from Texas Chiropractic College in Pasadena.

Upon graduation he moved to Big Spring, where he began his chiropractic practice and where he resided for 21 years.

He was a doctor of chiropractic and a loving son, brother and friend,

His passion was first for God and missionary work, which took him to Brazil, Africa, India, Nepal, Venezuela, Belize, Guatemala, Ireland, New Zealand and Mexico.

He loved his family and friends, his practice and patients, and hunting.

He will be missed by all.

He was preceded in death by his father, George Jenkins Hornsby Jr.

He is survived by his mother, Amarylis Willis Hornsby, of Bedford; brothers, Paul Scott Hornsby and wife, Mae, of Houston and David Brent Hornsby and wife, Erika, of Bedford; and niece, Amy Bauer and great-niece, Julia Bauer, of Shreveport, La.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Howard's Fund in care of State National Bank, Box 1271, Big Spring, Texas 79721, or Signal Mountain Emmaus Community, Box 2997, Big Spring, Texas 79721. Online condolences can be left at www.star-telegram.com/obituaries

James Leon McCurtain

James Leon McCurtain, 91, of Sulphur, Okla., died March 3, 2011 at Sulphur. Services were March 7 at the Hale's Krien Memorial Chapel, Sulphur, with Pastor Stephen Wall officiating. Interment followed at Rosedale Cemetery, Ada, Okla.

Mr. McCurtain was born Sept. 2, 1919 to Buster C. and Minnie Mae (Miles) McCurtain at Mannsville, Okla.

He married Winona Mae Law April 2, 1937 at Coalgate, Okla.

He worked in pulp manufacturing as a paper maker for many years before retiring.

He enjoyed fishing, gardening, yard work and making his route eating out in Ada, Ardmore, Paul Valley and Tishomingo.

He was a member of Sandy Baptist Church of Sulphur.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Minnie; a son, Johnnie L. McCurtain; and two sisters, Helen Auld and Wanda Pascal.

He is survived by three sons, Jerry McCurtain and wife, Lula, Blue Lake, Calif., James Carroll McCurtain and wife, Loretta, of Arcata, Calif., and J.L. McCurtain and wife, Marilyn, of Oklahoma; two brothers, Charles R. McCurtain, of Oroville, Calif., and Buster R. McCurtain, of Jenks, Okla.; 13 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and a loving and devoted friend, Clarene Ross.

Pall bearers were Ray Meely, John McCurtain, Robert McCurtain, Billy Phelps, Jerry Wyche and Shawn Williams.

Joe Dan Diaz Ramirez

Graveside services for Jo Dan Diaz Ramirez, of Ada, Okla., were March 15, 2011 at Seeley Chapel, near Pontotoc, Okla. Jo Dan Diaz Ramirez died March 11, 2011 at a local hospital in Ada.

He was born March 11, 2011 at Ada, to Jose Diaz Ramirez and Laura Ramirez, of Ada.

He is survived by his parents, Jose and Laura Ramirez; a brother, Gustavo Ramirez; three sisters, Naquetta, Maria and Viviana Ramirez; maternal grandmother, Lorraine Poe; paternal grandmother, Berta Ramirez; and paternal grandfather, Primitibo Diaz.

Online guestbook is located at PhillipsFuneralService.com

Linda Sue (Gibson) Wilmoth



Linda Sue (Gibson) Wilmoth, 68, died Feb. 26, 2011 at Oklahoma City. Services were March 1 at the Eastside Baptist Church, Marlow, Okla., with Rev. Toby Walker officiating. Burial followed at Marlow Cemetery.

She was born April 28, 1942 at Lawton, Okla., to Robert Lee Gibson and Bertha (Anderson) Gibson.

Mrs. Wilmoth resided in Elk City, Okla., and Perryton, Texas and lived in Marlow for the past 35 years.

She graduated from Marlow High School in 1960. She married Billy Ted Wilmoth Oct. 11, 1968 at the Eastside Baptist Church, Marlow. He preceded her in death, July 2, 1999.

Mrs. Wilmoth worked as a beautician and retired from Wal Mart after working 22 years as an invoice clerk.

She was very proud of her Chickasaw heritage and was involved in activities at the Chickasaw Senior Center in Duncan, Okla. She was a member of Eastside Baptist Church.

Her family called her the remodeling project manager for many family projects. She was an avid card player and enjoyed family card games. She loved playing dominoes, bowling, fishing and traveling. She loved spending time with her family and hosted many family reunions.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Bill Gibson, Jim Gibson and Bourdreau Gibson.

She is survived by a daughter, Judy Burson and husband, Donny, of Elk City, Okla.; two sons, Eddie Lancaster and wife, Suzie, of Bixby, Okla., and David Lancaster, of Marlow; 10 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; a brother, Dent Gibson and wife, Karen, of Marlow; a sister-in-law, Reba Gibson; and in-laws, James Wilmoth, Linda Akers and husband, Bud, and Emmitt Wilmoth; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

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Pallbearers were Phillip Bagley, Bob Anderson, Dent Gibson II, Joshua Lancaster, Stephen Lancaster, Benjamin Lancaster, Doug Savage and Greg Gibson.

Honorary pallbearers were Lynn Eaves, Jeff Mangum, Foster Singleterry, Carey Dysart and Phillip Woods.

Online condolences can be left at www.callawaysmith-cobb.com

Jack Wayne Berry

Jack Wayne Berry, 77, of Tyler, Texas, died Feb. 17, 2011. Services were Feb. 21 and interment was at Kilgore Memorial Gardens in Kilgore, Texas.

Mr. Berry was born Sept. 22, 1933 at Checotah, Okla., to original enrollee Gladys Wilson Berry and Homer Jackson Berry.

He married Barbara Hogg on Dec. 17, 1960, at El Paso, Texas.

He served in the United States Army from 1951 to 1960 as a paratrooper. He was a master mechanic, commercial pilot, oilfield warehouse manager and small business owner.

He will be remembered for his sense of humor and teasing family and friends and for being a devoted family man. He was hard working, outgoing, dependable and always willing to help those in need. He will be deeply missed by all of the loving family and friends that he leaves behind.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and four sisters, Virginia Kersey, Billye Ware, Wanda Attaway and Phyllis Woods.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Barbara Berry, of Tyler; daughter and son-in-law, Sherry and Michael Womble, of Manchester, Ga.; son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Marta Berry, of Tucson, Ariz.; son Keith Berry, of Taylorsville, Utah; sister Frances Laughlin, of Coolidge, Ariz.; sister and brother-in-law, Joyce and Steve Dawson, of Lynnwood, Wash.; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Don and Joan Hogg, of Tyler; 3 granddaughters, Michele Womble, Megan Berry and Melissa Berryp; grandson, Cody Hoffman; and numerous nieces and nephews.

LEGISLATIVE MINUTES

**CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature Building
Ada, Oklahoma
February 18, 2011**

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson David Woerz called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

Member absent: Linda Briggs

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guests present: Dana Lance, Michael Watson, Wilma P. Stout Watson, Ron Frazier, Tim Harjo, Jeff O'Dell, Tony Choate

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - January 18, 2011

Mrs. Alexander noted there were omissions of statements made during the Land Development Committee and she asked they be added.

A motion was made by Mrs. Alexander and seconded by Ms. Case to table the minutes of January 18, 2011.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Shana Hammond
4 yes votes

Members voting no: Connie Barker Scott Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

8 no votes

The motion to table the minutes of January 18, 2011 failed.

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Ms. Barker to approve the minutes of January 18, 2011.

Members voting yes: Connie Barker Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

10 yes votes

Members voting no: Beth Alexander, Katie Case

2 no votes

The motion to approve the minutes of January 18, 2011 carried.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**(A) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT** by Chairperson David Woerz

Chairperson Woerz passed the gavel to Secretary McManus to report the Executive Committee did not have a report to present.

(B) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Steve Woods

No report

(C) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Scott Colbert

General Resolution Number 28-019, Approval of Development Budget Amendment Madill Senior Center Addition

This resolution approves the amendment to the Development Budget for the Madill Senior Center Addition, Project Number 20-0058-05 in the amount of \$246,500.00. The Chickasaw Nation, through the Division of Aging, helps to enhance the quality of life of our elders by providing programs and facilities geared for their specific needs and desires. The existing facility is used to serve hot, nutritious meals to its elders and to provide a facility for social interaction through games, crafts, exercise, etc.

The Madill Senior Site has served the community well, but with the increased use the program has outgrown the capacity of the building to provide adequate service to our elders. The building needs to be expanded and renovated so the program can continue to grow and serve the Madill and Marshall County areas.

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Ms. Elliott to approve GR28-019.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR28-019 carried unanimously.

Mr. Scott Colbert concluded his report.

(D) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Dean McManus

General Resolution Number GR28-020, Approval of Application for Funding Grants for Native American Language Preservation and Maintenance

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application to the Administration of Children and Families; Administration for Native Americans for funding to help the Chickasaw Nation Division of History and Culture preserve the Chickasaw language. The grant will provide for the digitization of both "A Chickasaw Dictionary" and "Chickasaw, An Analytical Dictionary." Both dictionaries would then be available on the Internet with a hyper-link to an audio file. The application requests federal funding in the amount of \$150,000.00.

A motion was made by Ms. Barker and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR28-020.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR28-020 carried unanimously.

Ms. McManus concluded her report.

(E) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Linda Briggs

Ms. Green gave the report.

General Resolution Number 28-018, Authorization for Acceptance of Real Property in Pontotoc County

This Resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to accept, as a gift, real property in Ada, Pontotoc County, located at 130 West Main Street, Ada, Oklahoma (McSwain Theatre).

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Mr. Woods to approve GR28-018.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR28-018 carried unanimously.

Ms. Green concluded her report.

(F) HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Connie Barker

No report.
AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)
Mr. Watson commented on per capita payments and the Ardmore Senior Citizens project.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:19 a.m.

Submitted by, Dean McManus, Secretary

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Prepared by: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary

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MARCH 2011 RESOLUTIONS

**General Resolution Number 28-021
Authorization for Acquisition of Real
Property in Murray County**

Explanation: This resolution authorizes the Governor to acquire real property, in Sulphur, Murray County, Oklahoma, described as

The West 25 feet of the East 70 feet of Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4 in Block 175 of the Original Town of Sulphur, Murray County, Oklahoma, according to the recorded plat thereof, together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted.

The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

Property Location: 1012 West Muskogee Street, Sulphur, Oklahoma

Use: To be utilized as additional space for the Chickasaw Nation Pocket Park.

Presented by: Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Nancy Elliott, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

No votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case
Abstain: Scott Colbert, Shana Hammond

Absent: Tim Colbert

General Resolution Number GR28-022

**Gubernatorial Appointment to the
Chickasaw Nation Wildlife Commission
Mr. Reubin Orphan**

Explanation: This resolution approves the Governor's appointment of Reubin Orphan to the Commission to fill an unexpired term ending on September 30, 2013. The Chickasaw Nation Wildlife Commission was created by act of the Tribal Legislature and is comprised of three Commissioners. Mr. Orphan will fill a seat vacated by the resignation of Gene Underwood.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

Absent: Tim Colbert

Permanent Resolution Number 28-002**Amendments to Title 8 of the Chickasaw Nation Code
(Election Rules and Procedures)**

Explanation: This resolution amends two sections in Title 8 so that they accurate and correct.

Presented By: Election Rules and Regulations Ad Hoc Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

Absent: Tim Colbert

COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Committee of the Whole Meeting
March 14, 2011**

Present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

**Election Rules & Regulation Ad Hoc
Committee**

March 7, 2011

Present: Steve Woods, Beth Alexander, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy

**Elliott, Shana Hammond, David Woerz
Human Resources Committee**

March 7, 2011

Present: Dean McManus, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, David Woerz

Land Development Committee

March 7, 2011

Present: Linda Briggs, Beth Alexander, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Steve Woods, David Woerz

Absent: Connie Barker

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